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Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

my name is Kimberly  
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August 16, 2018

Dear Robert Yalen, Esq,

I Victoria Abrams resident at NYCHA Gravesend Houses located in Brooklyn, New York would like to comment on the following proposed settlements: The U.S. Settlement and the Baez Settlement.

I agree that the court should provide a monitor who will be responsible for ensuring that NYCHA follows all laws and regulations about lead based paint safety, preventing mold growth, eliminating pest infestation, and providing adequate heating and elevator services among other things.

I have had filed several maintenance tickets regarding reoccurring mold growth and excesses moisture in my apartments. Prior to residing at my current address I was lived in another apartment within the same housing development. This is an issue that I have received very little support on from housing management in spite of, the numerous complaints I have filed.

I also agree with the Baez Settlement the require NYCHA to implement new procedures and protocols for remediating mold and excessive moisture, including their root causes in according with strict deadlines under the supervision of a court appointed Special Master.

Mold growth and excessive moisture in my apartments are a reoccurring issue for over twenty years.

In addition, I would like to speck at the hearing on September 26, 2018.

Should you need further information I can be reached at (347) 424-5122.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Victoria E. Abrams  
  
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August 8, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Yolanda Aguayo and I am a member of Manhattan Together. I live at 345 East 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Apartment 6N in Metro North Plaza. I have lived there since 1971. I was the first tenant in the building and my children were born and raised there.

I have had severe leaks in my apartment for 10 years. The leak was coming from the roof into my kitchen. Things were so wet in my apartment that a wall in my kitchen started to crumble, so I could actually see into my neighbor's apartment. The water was hitting the circuit box, which scared me.

I put a work order in, and NYCHA came to fix it at some point, but they only did a patch job and didn't fix the underlying problem because the leak came back. This same cycle has happened three times. Now, every time it rains, the leak returns from the roof, down the walls, and into my kitchen. My neighbors are experiencing similar problems.

There was also a leak in my bathroom. Six or seven months after NYCHA came to fix it, mold started growing on the spot and it looks like the leak has come back because the paint is bubbling and peeling.

I also have a serious roach infestation. I keep my apartment clean and well-kept, but they keep coming and I think it has to do with all the leaks. Maintenance in the common areas of the building is terrible, the hallways are filthy and garbage is often left spilling over right outside our front door. Our boiler broke, which means hot water comes and goes, and our elevator is regularly out of service. The front door also doesn't lock, which makes me feel unsafe in my own home.

I've gotten notes on my door about apartment inspections, but no one ever shows up.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support because I want NYCHA to do its maintenance and repairs correctly the first time. It's very frustrating that these problems keep coming back. During the early years of living in my apartment, my home was beautiful and clean, and it's not possible for me to keep it that way anymore.

I would consider speaking in support of the Revised Consent Decree at the hearing on September 26, 2018.

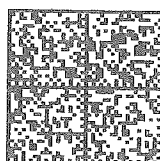
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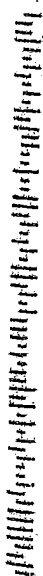
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August 1, 2018

Stanley Brezenoff, Interim Chair  
New York City Housing Authority  
250 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Brezenoff:

I am writing to request your intervention in the completion repairs in my apartment at 170 Avenue D, Apartment 5F, in the Jacob Riis Houses. Despite numerous calls, court appearances and stipulations, I have not had a fully functioning bathroom in FOURTEEN YEARS.

In 1999 I reported to the Riis Management Office, a crack in the bathtub. Over the **next 19 years** Riis would send an inspector approximately once a year and only after I had withheld rent in an attempt to get service. These inspections never resulted in any work being done until October 2017 when the tub was re-glazed as management stated a new tub was needed but the model for my apartment was not in stock, therefore re-glazing was claimed to be best alternative. The glazing wore off in March, 2018.

In October 2017, compounding the aforementioned bathroom condition, to address a stoppage in the bathtub, the wall housing the tub plumbing was removed and for months a gaping uncovered hole was left in its place.

In April 2018, due to a leak, my kitchen sink and kitchen cabinets were removed and replaced with a temporary slop sink; to date NYCHA/Riis has missed several court-ordered deadlines to correct the condition, by installing a new sink and cabinets. My elderly next door neighbor also had her kitchen sink and cabinets removed and she is going on a year without the situation being corrected, despite many calls by my neighbor's home attendant. (Riis has alleged that my not being home is one reason for the delay in completing repairs; note that my elderly neighbor is waiting a year for repairs and she is home 24 hours a day).

In response to a final order from an exasperated Housing Court Judge, who admonished NYCHA for inexcusable delays, on May 31 NYCHA/Riis was ordered to correct all conditions in the apartment in 60 days. Riis management followed with a poorly written letter approximately 3 weeks later outlining a timetable for remediation.

Per the schedule, plasterers came to the apartment on June 27, 2018 and plastered the kitchen and bathroom. On July 24 workers came to remove the old tub and install a new one. After removing the tiles around the old tub, the workers said they could not continue because the bathroom was filled with asbestos. An asbestos abatement team was called in who worked through the evening. An abatement team worker advised me that the plastering that was done in the kitchen should not have been completed as it was 100% likely that there was an asbestos condition in the kitchen that was not addressed/corrected.

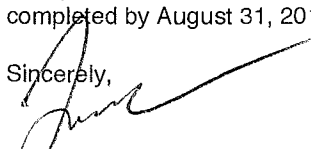
In addition to not having sufficient kitchen storage space for 4 months, I have now had to bathe at a relative's home for the last week.

Also, beginning earlier this year and continuing to present, I began to have chest pains and a persistent cough. I have been treated by my personal physician, at urgent care facilities and New York University hospital. As a result of the asbestos-statement made last week by the NYCHA worker, I am concerned that the cough may be asbestos-related due to the negligence of the Authority and the exposed areas in my apartment.

When I arrived home today, on Tuesday, July 31, there were two notices on my apartment door for plastering appointments, on Monday, July 30! The notices are dated July 30 at 9:15 AM. Even if the notices had been posted on the *same* day, how am I expected to make arrangements to be home at 1 pm following a 9:15 notice, and what is Riis trying to cover by posting appointments that were never discussed? I have missed many days of work for court appearances and to be home for repairs.

I respectfully request that you use your office to see that all court/ordered repairs (HP action LT 000258-18/NY) are effected by not later than August 31, 2018. Further, due to the basically uninhabitable and dangerously unhealthy condition of the apartment going back months, if not years, I am requesting that a rent of \$200, commensurate with the apartment's condition, be made effective from October 2017 through July, 2018. Provided the repairs are completed by August 31, 2018, the calculated rent of \$1,006 will be effective as of September 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

  
Francisco Alameda

cc: Hon. Carlina Rivera, NY City Council  
Hon. Harvey Epstein, NY State Assembly

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**New York City Housing Authority**

**JACOB RIIS HOUSES**

454 E. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10009  
212 228-2400  
212 420-2246 (Fax)

06/18/2018

Francisco Alameda  
170 Avenue D. Apt. 5F  
New York, N.Y. 10009

Good Afternoon:

The following appointments are scheduled for the repairs you stated in your court stipulation. Please make arrangements to be home or have someone over the age of 18 to be there to allow the work to be completed.

Plumbers will be at home on June 22, 2018 8 a.m.

Plastering ( kitchen and bathroom) Scheduled for June 27, 2018 8 a.m. ✓

Exterminator scheduled for July 3., 2018, 1 p.m. ✓

Carpenters scheduled for Kitchen Cabinets July 20, 2018 8 a.m. N/A

Thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

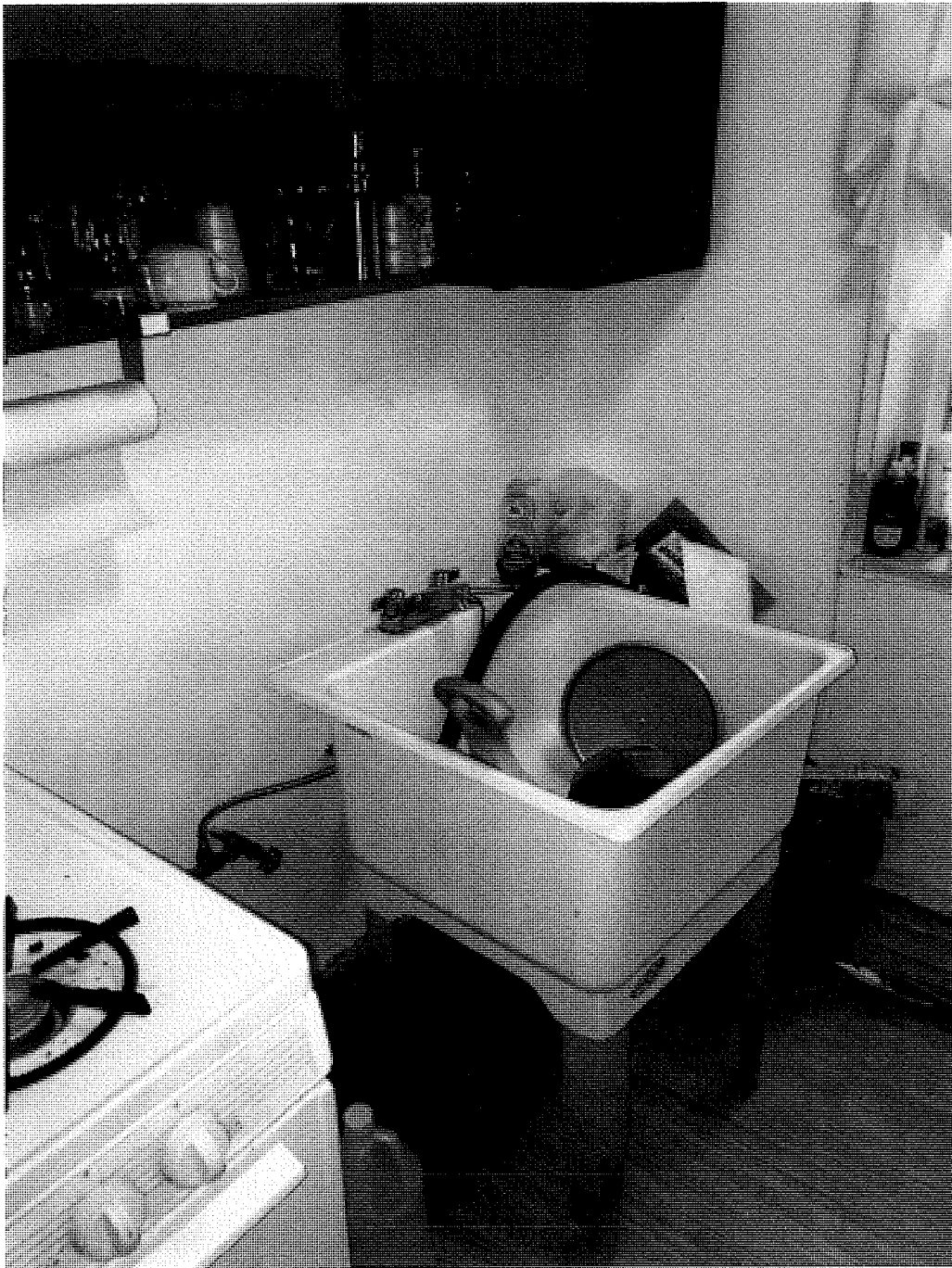
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My sink



Current Bathroom conditions





Current Bathroom  
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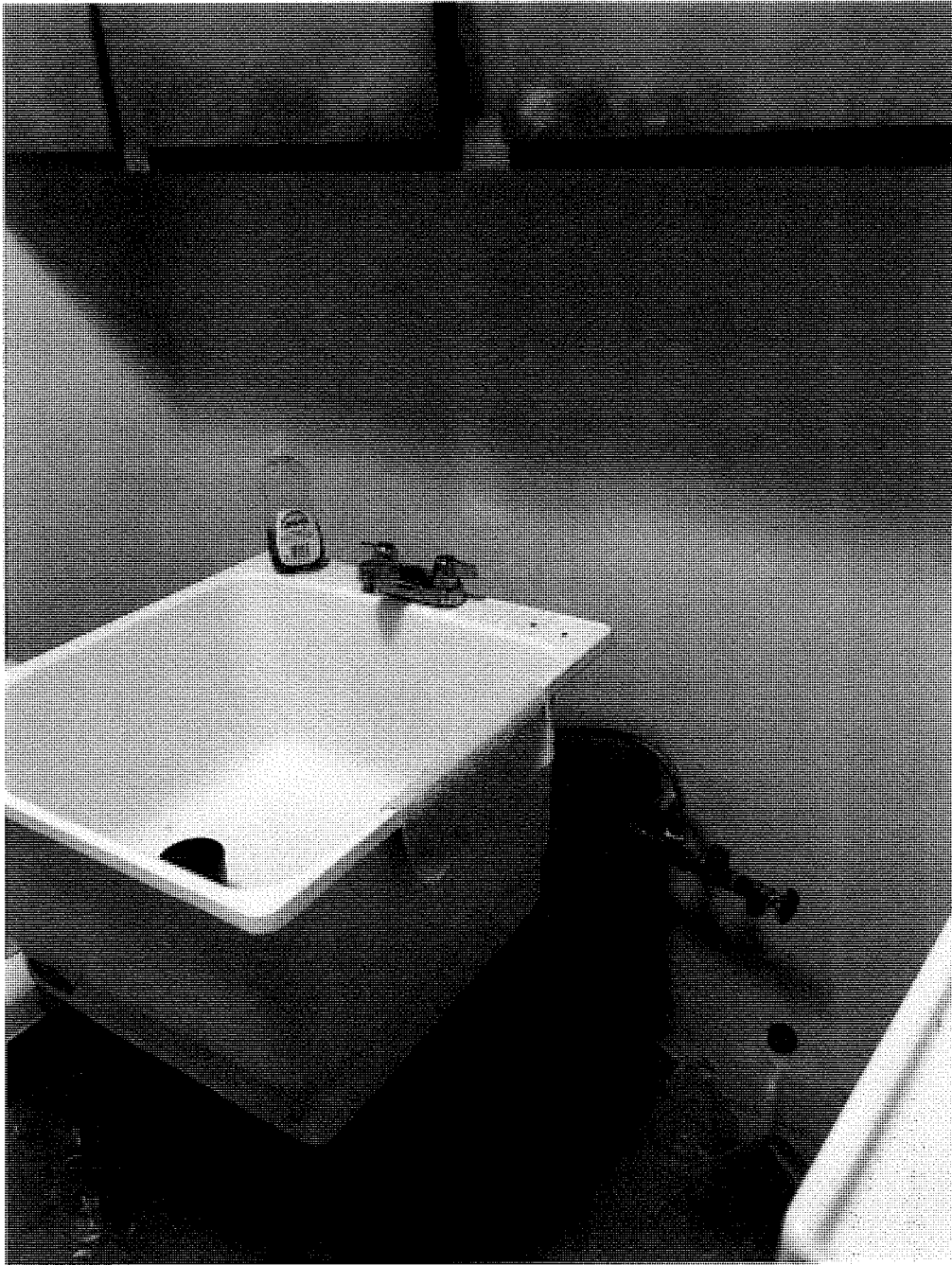




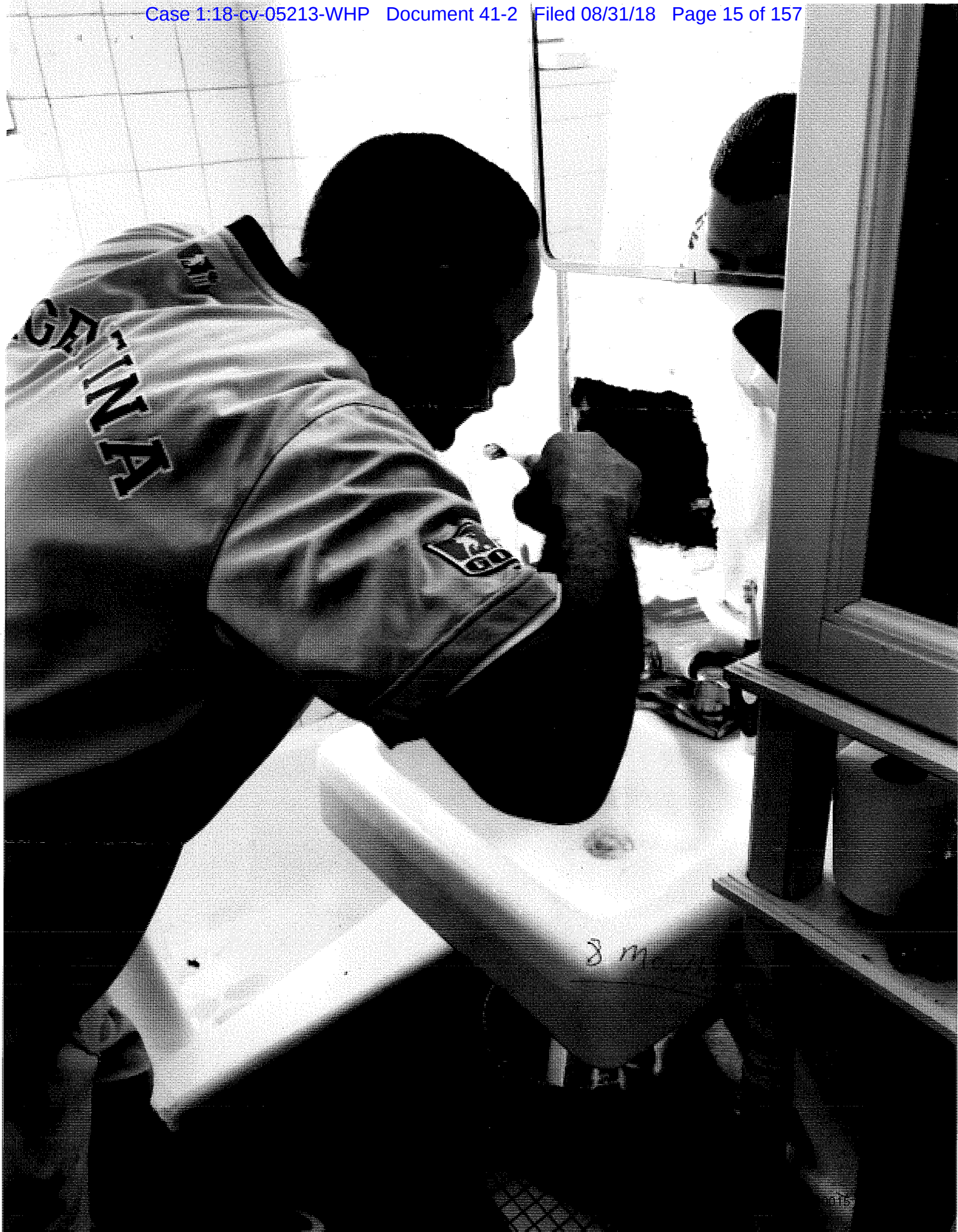




Neighbor's Sink



This is going on for  
A year!





From:  
Francisco Aroneda  
170 Avenue D  
New York, NY 10009

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To: United States Attorney's Office,  
Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers St. 3rd floor  
New York, NY 10007

~~Robert N. Allen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement~~

August 10, 2018

U.S. Atty's office of District of New York  
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Attn; Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

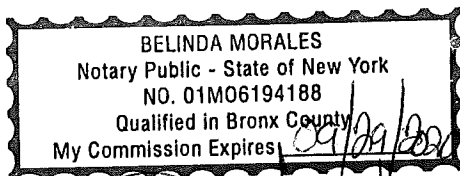
Irene E. Alava, Residing at 2700 Randall Ave. Apt 5H, Bronx N.Y. 10465-2648.

I have the following complaints in regards to my Apartment.

1. Mice problem, holes in kitchen walls by the storen under kitchen cabinets
2. Windows drop when open
3. Floors are bad and ties need changing
4. Lights in bathroom goes out
5. Toilet handle chain to flush need repair
6. Closet handle need to be replaced
7. Shower handle needs replacement it keeps pinching my finger

Sincerely,

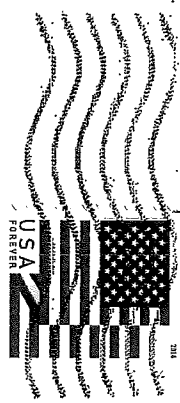
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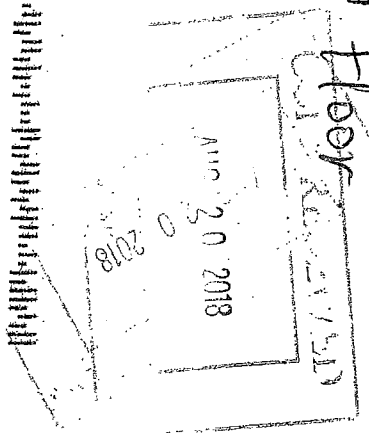
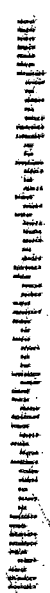
From: Irene E. Alava  
2700 Randall Ave. 5H,  
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To: U.S. Atty's of District of New York  
68 Chamber Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10007

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Honorable William H. Pauley III  
United States District Court  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Date: 8/20/2018

My name is Carolyn Allen B-G. I am a resident of  
Douglas Houses. I am responding to the U.S.  
Settlements regarding United States v. NYCHA, and The Baez Settlement.

I am pleased to finally see that the federal government is aware of the neglect and mismanagement of NYCHA developments and its residents. This is a small victory thus far. As more is being revealed, we are confident you will continue to hold NYCHA accountable.

As a NYCHA resident, I am concerned about my community and am requesting, your Honor, that you elect leaders from our community (NYCHA leaders), to sit at the table with those you have put in place to monitor the monies, repairs and organization as we go forward.

Carmen Quinones is a NYCHA resident, has held many offices supporting our community for years and is the perfect candidate to sit with the federal monitors at the table. She is someone we can trust to help express the needs of low income residents as we face these challenging times. We deserve to have input and transparency as we work together to insure the safety, longevity and quality of life for those who's history has been plagued with injustices. We are the backbone of this society and are what makes this country able to thrive.

I speak for my community when I say that we are frustrated, fearful and saddened by what we are seeing and experiencing. Yes there are a myriad of repairs that need to be done, but most importantly that our voices be heard in the face of privatization or as De Blasio calls it public/private partnership.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Our lives depend on people like you who stand up for justice.

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers St., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

August 1, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Luisa Almestica, and I am a member of South Bronx Church.

I live at 308 Park Avenue, Apt. 16F Bronx, NY 10451. I have lived there for 43 years, and I have asthma.

I first noticed mold in my apartment about a year ago around my bathtub. I then called NYCHA to tell them about the problem. They sent service workers who came and said that they didn't see any mold, and that the bathroom was completely clean and refused to listen to my problems with mold. Because this was not true, I had to get Father Skelly from my church to call again and they finally fixed the problem the second time.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because it should not take multiple visits from NYCHA workers to fix a simple mold problem. My friends in NYCHA who don't speak English have had even worse experiences, and it's not fair that they can't get NYCHA to respond to their problems.

Signature: Luisa Almestica Date: 01-1-18

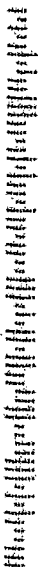
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Proskauer Rose LLP  
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August 13, 2018


Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Jose Almonte.

I live at 280 Madison Street, New York, NY 10002 (LaGuardia Houses). I have lived there for 42 years.

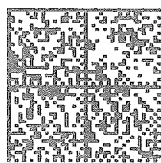
In my brother's room, there was a lot of mold. NYCHA cleaned it up, and it did not come back. In my room, there was a little bit of mold in the closet and a little bit of mold in the window on the wall. I cleaned it, and it never came back.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because we need to get rid of mold in all apartments. It makes people sick. We need to improve people's quality of life in the buildings, and we need to keep the leaders of NYCHA on their toes because they have lied about the lead conditions and probably about the mold condition, too.

Signature:  Date: Aug. 13 2018  
Jose Almonte

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Eleven Times Square  
New York, NY 10036

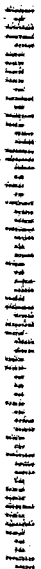
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Patricia Alston  
Boulevard Houses (NYCHA)  
363 Worthman Ave. Apt. 1F  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
347-240-2929 - Home  
347-938-7899 - Cell

My name is Patricia Alston, 61 years old, a COPD/Asthma patient and a wheelchair user.

On September 7, 2017 in the afternoon I was returning home from an appointment, I encounter another flood (a 3<sup>rd</sup> one) in the first floor. My apartment flooded from my bedroom to the living room. The water was coming once again from the bathroom tub, toilet.

Now on August 4, 2018 at 3:00am I woke up to go to the bathroom I was stepping in a puddle of water then I realize once again it was another

flood and the water was coming from the bathroom tub and toilet.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> one in 7 years that I have been living in this apartment.

I lost most of my belongings I have thrown away most of my clothings, shoes, boxes, etc.

I have putting Section 8 transfer papers to move to an accessible wheel chair apartment and is because of the condition of this apartment that is infested of roaches even though I try my best to keep it clean with the help of my aid, also the many floods I been having and molds because of it.

Most of the molds are found in the closets.

With the roaches I have been using most of my little money to buy roach spray to keep the roaches

aways.

Please I need some help so you can  
do something to live in a better  
condition apartment or home.

Sincerely yours,

~~Patricia A. Alston~~  
Patricia A. Alston

P.S. I am a witness of the last 2 floods.

I write the letter for Miss Alston.

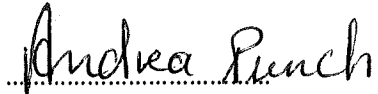
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Home Health Aide

Anna Couch - Superville

To Whom it may concern,

I Andrea Punch HHA, worked with Miss. Patricia Alston at the time of the incident in Question. My duty was to give care to her and lite house duty, however one day when I got in to work, her home was under water, she did what she can, which wasn't much until I got there, I was mopping all day because the water kept coming, she spread towels, comforter and whatever she can to soak up the water, we went out and buy stuff, which I used to sanitize the place, and we also took some stuff to the laundromat to wash, which had to be reused because the water didn't stop, eventually she decided she wasn't going to use those stuff again, so she bagged them up and threw them out, including her big carpet which she was trying hard to safe, she didn't know how she was going to get that dry and sanitized, after awhile a fowl odor was coming from her closet, when she checked it, it was covered in mold, she had to start throwing out stuff again, it was a stressful experience, because it was a week long dealing with this, I even ended up at the Dr. for my back, tried to help her through all of this, she reported it to the office and they said they were working on the situation but nobody came and help to do the work and that was not my job. I only helped because she's living alone and that was my place of work.

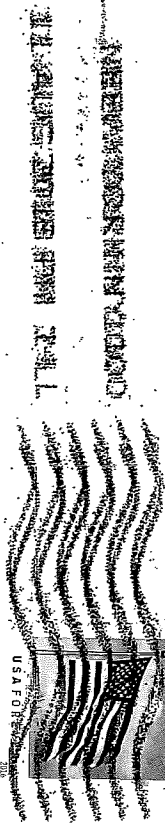
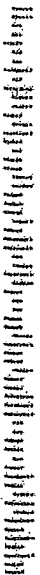
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Andrea Punch

Patricia Hlsto  
363 Woktman Ave, 1F  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

United States Attorney's Office  
Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq. NYCHA Settlement

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United States Attorney's Office,  
Southern District of New York

Attn: Robert Valen, Esq.

My name is Patricia Alston, I  
reside on 363 Wortman Ave. 1F on  
the Boulevard Houses apartment  
(NYCHA)

I send a letter with reports of  
the cases that you all have in the  
proposed settlements for Federal  
Court.

I am writing you this letter so  
can include me to speak at the hear-  
ing about the case and the problems  
that I have been having in my  
apartment.

I would really be appreciated if  
you kindly include me to speak at  
the hearing

My contact Number is:

346-240-2929 Home

346-948-7899 Cell

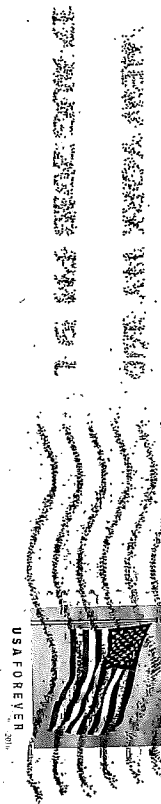
My address is:  
363 Wortman Ave. 1F  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Sincerely yours;

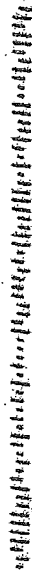
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Patricia Alston  
Resident of a NYCHA apartment

Katricia H. Histon  
303 Wokman Ave. 1F  
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Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

Ms. Carole Alton

3030 Surf Avenue, Apt, 5G

Brooklyn, NY 11224

August 19, 2018

To whom it may Concern,

I have been living in Coney Island Houses since July 1979. When I first moved into the development, buildings were well taken care of; yards, floors, and windows were often cleaned. Lobbies were painted every summer. Floors were buffed during the holiday time. When there's an indoor problem maintenance may come the same day or the next day. Exterminators used to come to spray for bugs or give roach motels to tenants to keep bugs away. In recent years, the quality of the buildings have deteriorated. The grounds are littered with garbage, urine and feces in the staircases, dirty floors, maintenance issues, and a litany of other problems. There has been a lack of NYCHA staff, lack of communication with the NYCHA staff and a lack of culpability between NYCHA and tenants. The price of

rent continues to go up yet the quality of life continues to fall. As Coney Island begins to go through the trend of gentrification, Coney Island houses is receiving aesthetic improvements as opposed to a more functional and beneficial renovation to various systems within the buildings and communication with NYCHA representatives. Workers in the management office do not show a consistent level of professionalism and maintenance workers, when they do happen to make it to appointments, often seem to not be given the proper information and tools to effectively carry out their jobs. On two separate occasions during the 2018 year, housing had been scheduled to do maintenance work in my apartment and failed to make the appointment. In both instances I had to miss two work days and the work was not done. NYCHA has not taken the initiative to take responsibility for all of these issues and seldom addresses them, if at all. No one can neglect the fact that the people living in the building play an integral part in its upkeep but it is up to management to uphold a particular standard. Many of these issues cause various health issues physically, mentally and physiologically, contributing to a cycle of apathy and arrested development. My hope is that these issues can be addressed.

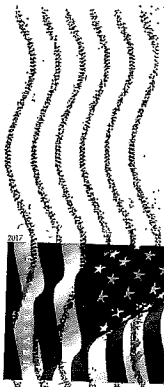
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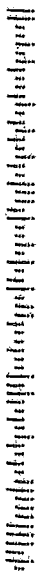
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**9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2018.** Accordingly, this Court adopts the following procedures that must be adhered to by any individual or organization wishing to provide written comments or to be heard at the public hearing.

1. **Written Comments:** Any person wishing to provide comments about either or both of the proposed settlements must send a letter of no more than 3 pages to the following address:

**United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers St., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement**

Letters must be received by **August 21, 2018** to be considered. Persons providing written comments must include in their letters their full names, addresses, and if applicable, the organization with which they are affiliated. Because these letters will be filed on the Court's public docket, written comments shall not include irrelevant, threatening, inflammatory, or confidential personal information.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York shall compile all written comments and file a set of all comments on the docket for each of the above-captioned matters. No comments will be accepted by telephone. Finally, anonymous comments will be rejected.

2. **Speaking at the Public Hearing:** Any person who wishes to speak at the hearing on September 26, 2018 must submit a written comment according to the procedures set forth above and include in the letter that he or she would like to speak. Counsel and the parties to the case will be given the first opportunity to speak. Members of the public will then be permitted to make statements in the order that their written comments were received. Other than



counsel and the parties, speakers will be limited to two minutes each, and that time allotment may be modified at this Court's discretion. The hearing will be on the record and all speakers must provide their full name and if applicable, the organization with which they are affiliated.

The courtroom will be open beginning at 8:45 a.m. Proper courtroom decorum is required. This Court anticipates respectful silence and attention during the presentations of all speakers. No food or beverages will be allowed in the courtroom. Signs, poster-boards, and other demonstrative objects will not be permitted.

Dated: July 18, 2018  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED:

  
WILLIAM H. PAULEY III  
U.S.D.J.

August 13, 2018

Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement  
Unites States Attorney's Office,  
Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Dear Mr. Yalen:

I have been a resident at 50-31 Newtown Road, Apt 5B in Woodside Houses for over 40 years. I raised my children here and have struggled with the conditions at the Woodside Houses for many, many years. We have an ongoing mold issue, broken and roach infested cabinets and electric sockets. Water leaks in the hallway from behind the wall. My apartment walls are cracking, my windows are falling apart, garbage, urine, feces in the elevator and hallways. I have reported these conditions to housing on many occasions and nothing has been done about it. The main issue that I'm very worried about is the infestation of roaches and the ongoing mold in the bathroom. My grandson that lives with me has asthma and the mold is making it worse. I also was checked by my doctor from an ongoing cough that lasted for months. I was told I am allergic to roaches. The chemicals I use to clean up the mold does not help my condition.

I reported the bathroom mold many times to NYCHA and when the worker arrives they just clean it and paint over the wall. The worker does not scrape and remove the mold that is underneath the wall. In less than 2 weeks the mold returned. I again must call housing to request another maintenance ticket. Out of frustration I called the Woodside main office and spoke to the super, Kevin German, assistant manager, Donald Logan and property manager, Isaac Perry with no resolution to the mold issue. I was told that I need to leave the door open and shower in cold water and that I need to install a fan to remove the moisture. I asked to speak to the super, Kevin German in person so he can illustrate to me how he detects mold and he told me that he just looks at the wall and he can tell if mold is present. I explained to him that there is mold underneath the walls and he said that all NYCHA workers are professionally trained to detect and remove mold.

After I met with the super, Kevin German he sent over a worker who cleaned the mold but did not scrape underneath the walls to properly remove the mold. The mold returned again in a matter of 2 weeks. I have enclosed all the photos of the bathroom before and after the work was done. After many attempts the mold is still present above and under our walls and ceiling. Housing has not properly removed the mold. This is making us sick. We need your help... please.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 917.864.8560. Thank you.

Regards,

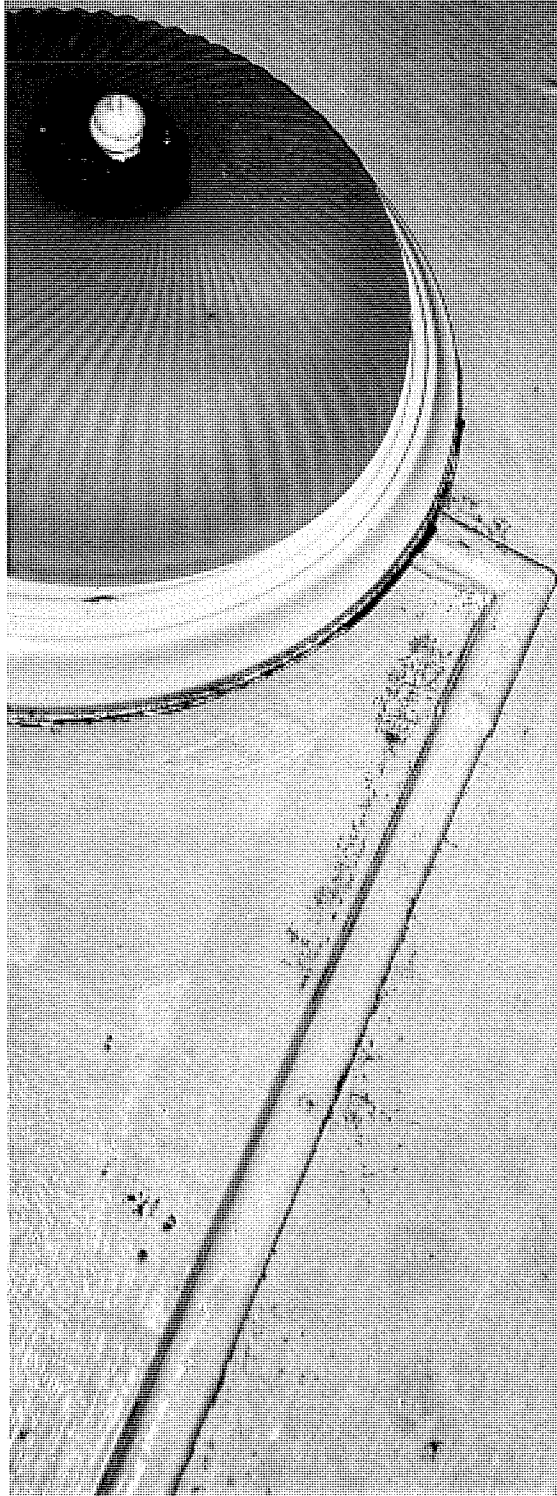
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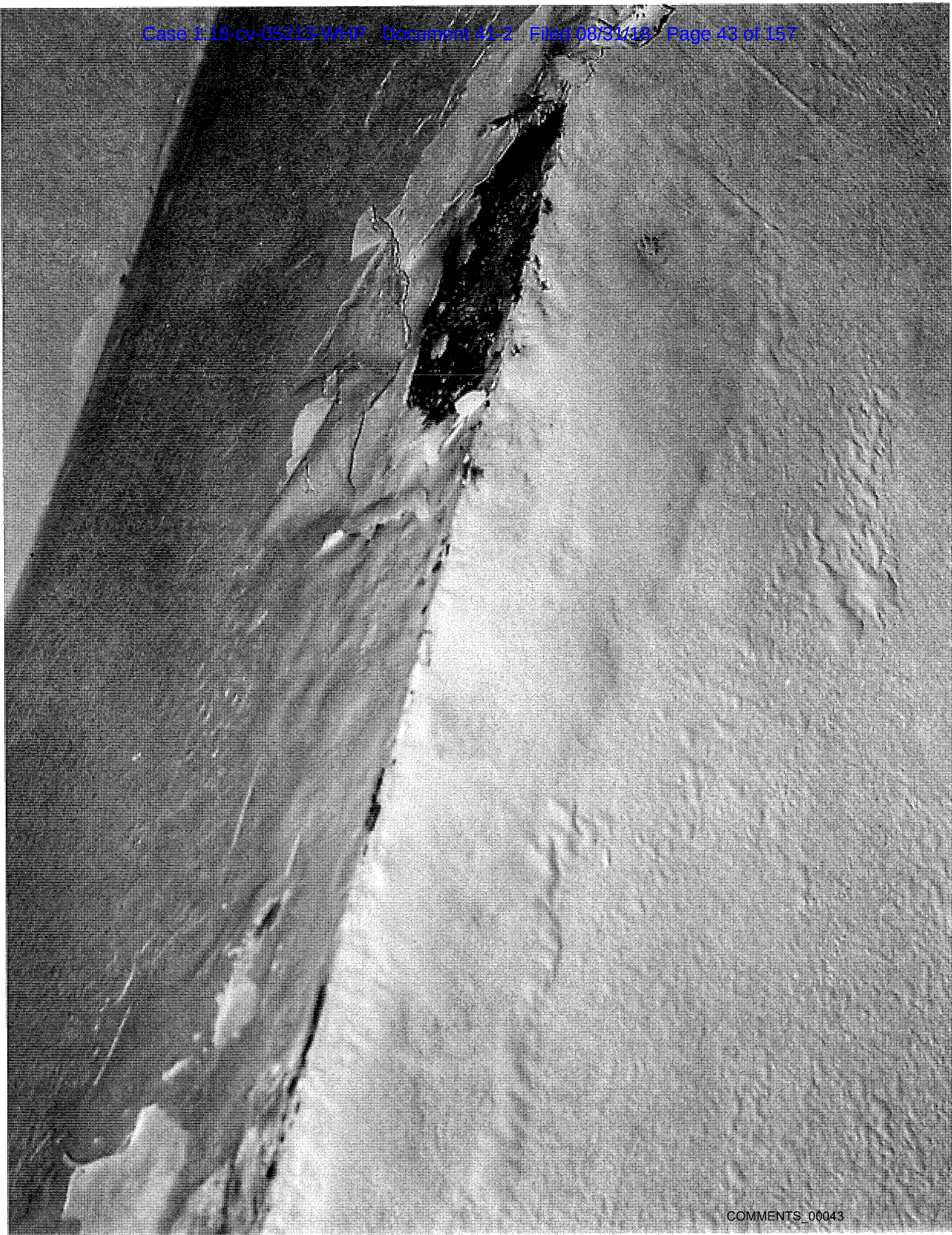
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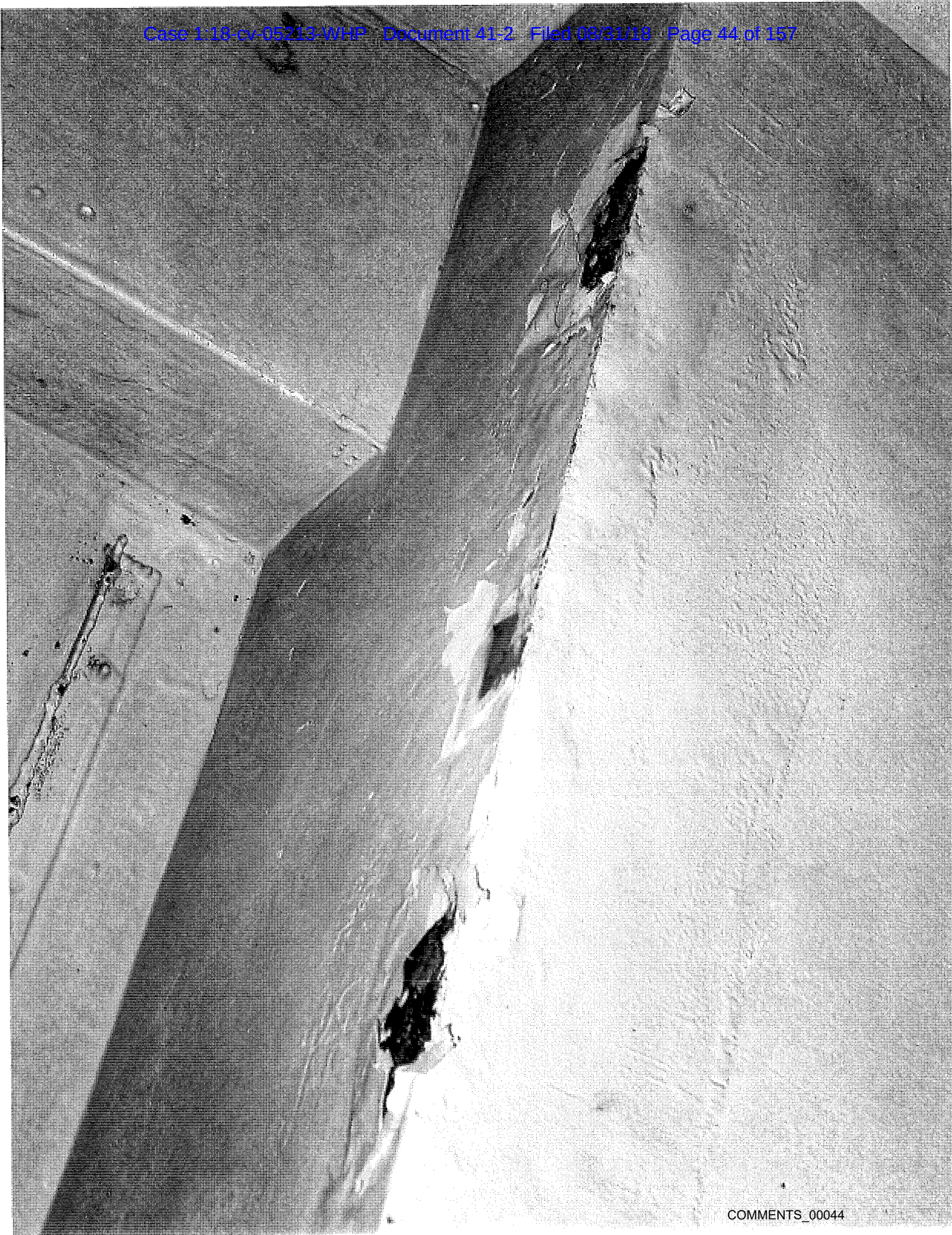
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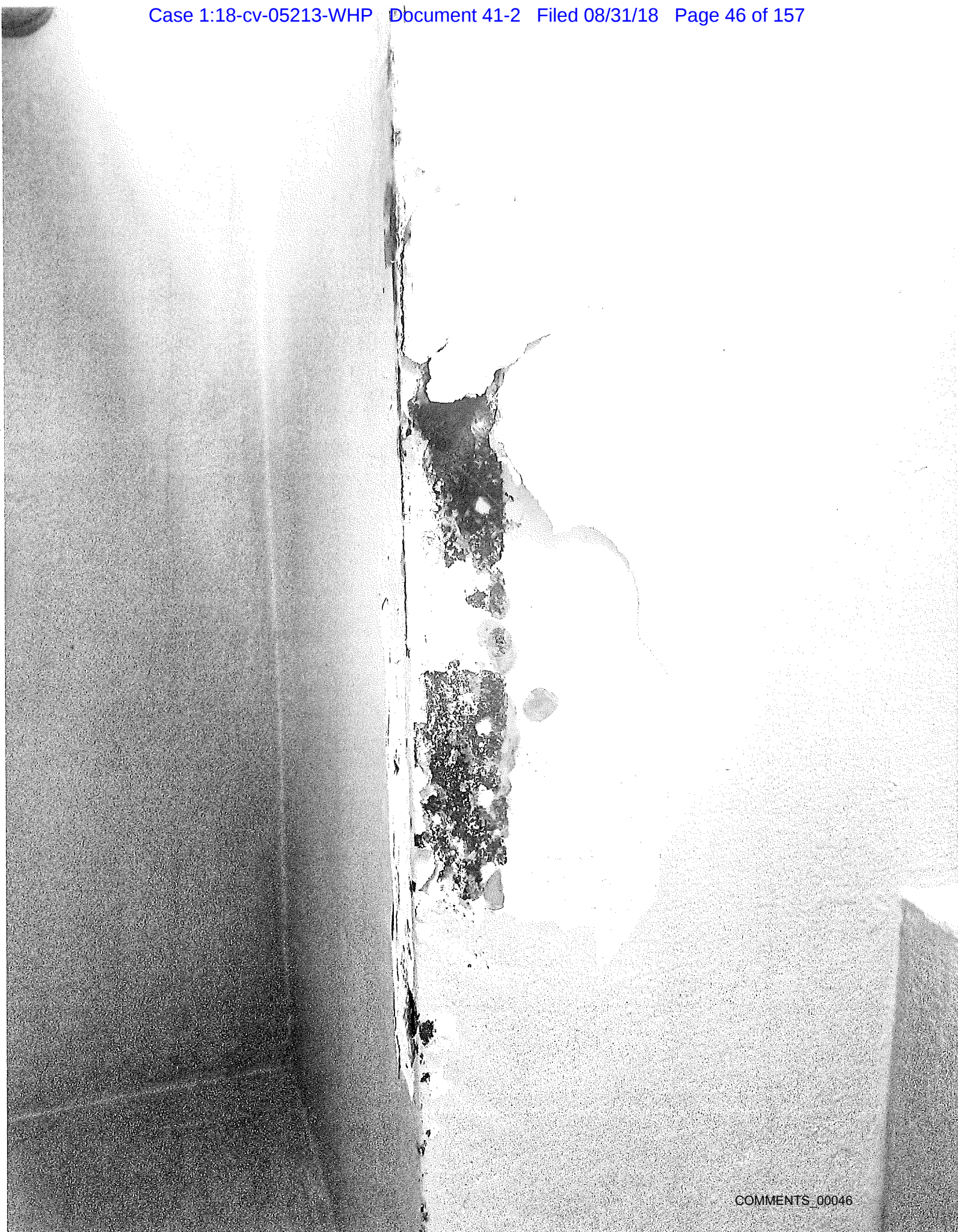
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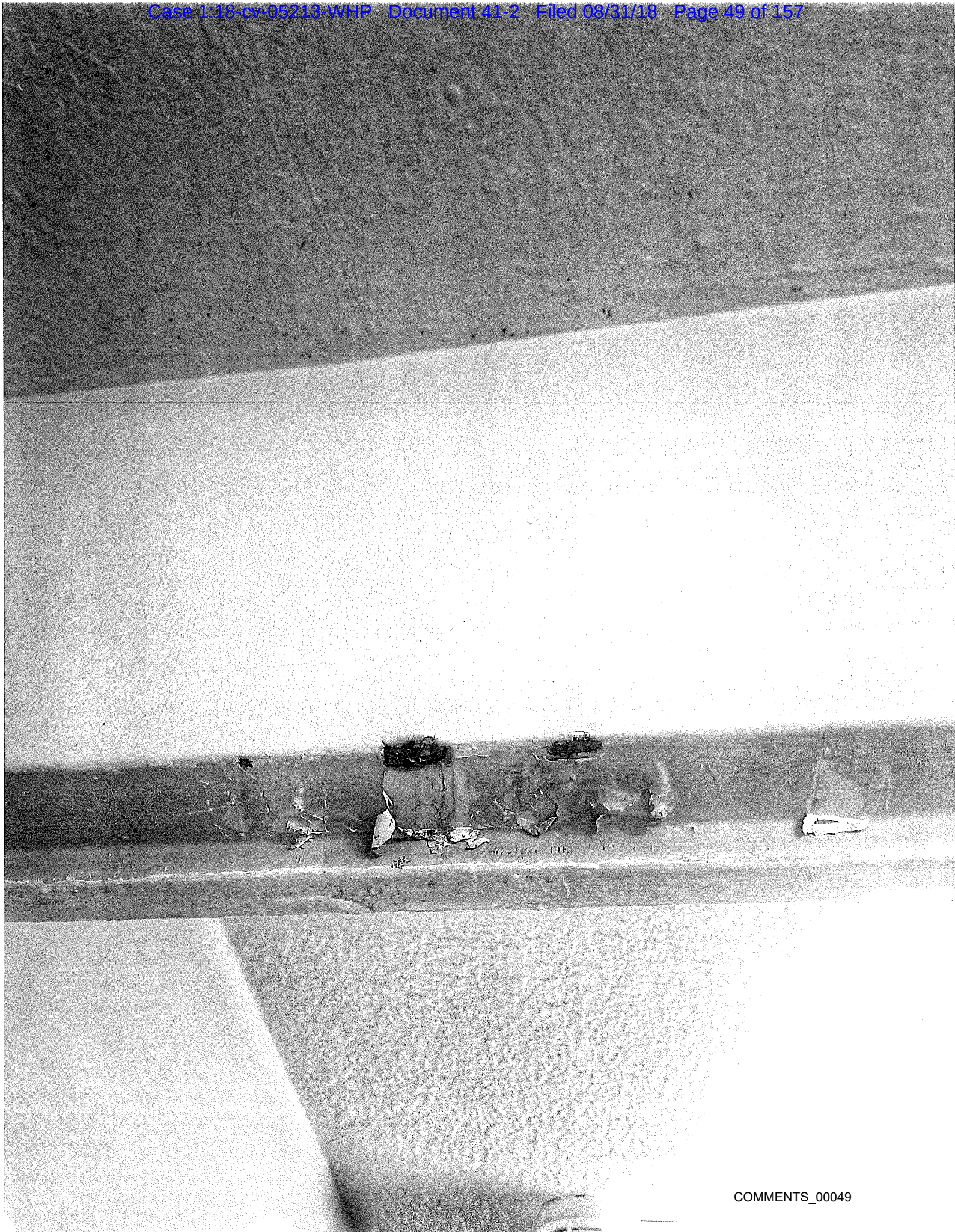














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August 1, 2018

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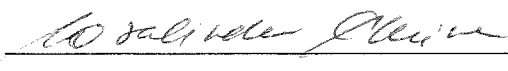
My name is Rosalinda Alvira, and I found out about the opportunity to write this letter through Our Lady of Victory and am affiliated with South Bronx Churches. I have lived at 560 Claremont Parkway, Apt. 2B Bronx, NY 10457 since September of 1986. We have had mold in our apartment many times, and it's been especially bad for last two years. The mold is on the walls, ceiling, bathtub, and windows in the bathroom and it's around the windows in the kitchen.

My elderly mother lives with me, and I'm worried that living in the apartment is making her health worse. She fell and broke her hip several months ago and has been in receiving in-home treatment and is hardly able to leave the home. Being in the apartment so often has caused her to start coughing, and the doctor diagnosed her with asthma and prescribed her with inhalants, which she has to use twice a day. My 17 year old son also lives with us.

We have reported the mold many times, and the Supervisor has visited the apartment several times. We showed him the mold and other issues we've been having in the apartment, and he took pictures of everything. An inspector then came in May, 2018 and also took pictures, but no actions were taken to help solve the problem.

NYCHA has taken far too long to respond to our problems. A simple paint job won't fix it anymore. It needs to be completely gutted. You can even see the mold from outside. For my mother's health, the problems in our apartment needs to be solved as soon as possible. We just want them to do what they're supposed to do. It's a shame.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because people need to start being held accountable. The Consent Decree sounds like it will actually force NYCHA to solve problems faster and come with consequences for when they fail to help.

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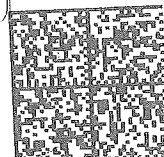
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August 8, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Esperanza Anastacio. I live at 1806 1st Avenue, Apt. 11H in Isaac Tower. I've lived there for 15 years and I live there with my 5 children. Two of my kids have asthma. If it's really bad they need to be hospitalized, but even with smaller asthma attacks they need to stay home and have to miss school.

There's black mold all over the ceiling in the bathroom. There's also a lot of leaking coming from the roof into our ceiling and also from under the sink. The paint is peeling and bubbling in both places. This has been happening for as long as I've lived in the apartment – 15 years.

I've called several times to get these repairs made. We've waited for years at a time. When someone from NYCHA does come to inspect the apartment, they don't make any repairs, instead telling me that I need to put in another ticket for a particular type of work.

I've gotten so frustrated that I've tried to fix the problem myself and also have hired a contractor to fix the leaks in my apartment. That cost came out my own pocket and was an expensive burden. Those repairs worked for about a year, but unfortunately the leaks and mold came back because there are structural problems with the pipes and roof in our building that my contractor couldn't touch.

Also, NYCHA came to do a repair with my kitchen cabinets, and took all the cabinets down, but has not yet made the necessary repairs, three months later. I've also put in two applications to transfer to a new apartment because my family has outgrown this one. The first application was twelve years ago, and NYCHA says that application got lost. So I reapplied four years ago, and have not heard anything. Sometimes I feel like I'm being punished for speaking Spanish, especially with NYCHA losing my applications and ignoring my work order requests.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because I want NYCHA to fix the leaks and mold in our apartment when I first report the problem. I also like the idea of having an independent person to talk to about the reoccurring problems and who can make NYCHA fix the problems.

I would like to speak in support of the Revised Consent Decree at the hearing on September 26, 2018 if I don't have to work that day.

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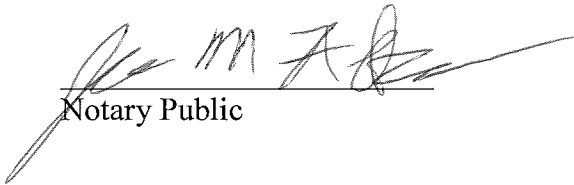
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I, Karen Reyes, certify that I am competent to translate between English and Spanish, and that I have read and translated this affidavit to Esperanza Anastacio to the best of my abilities.

Interpreter Signature: 

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Sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

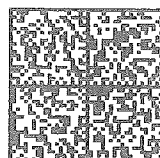
  
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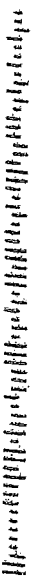
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To whom it may concern;

I've lived in NYCHA for a while now, as the years go by the living conditions gets worse. I have had a mold problem in my apartment bathroom for at least four years now, I constantly call and place a ticket for the mold to be removed. NYCHA personnel comes to the apartment and they pain over the mold, few months later it comes back. There is no ventilation in the bathroom. I have been using a small fan to give that one room some ventilation, but that doesn't work anymore.

Currently my entire ceiling bathroom is full of mold. I have contacted NYCHA many times since March of 2018, until this moment nothing has been done. I have also contacted Mayor's office and superintended came to my home, took pictures, and I have not been contacted for any update.

My entire apartment smells moldy, I can't close my windows to enjoy my A.C because the smell gets worse. The apartment is constantly moist, floors and walls are always wet and if the weather is humid that makes it worse. When the mold smell is strong I always wake up the next day with my throat hurting. Besides ceiling bathroom having mold, it's also around the bathtub handles, edge of the tub. I can see how its growing. I bathe in these conditions; my kids bathe in these conditions.

Anytime that I placed a ticket for anything NYCHA will send someone to my home when I'm at work and with no prior notice of this visit which won't give me the opportunity to plan to be home or have someone home. These types of tickets won't allow me to choose my date of service and the tickets that do allow me to choose my date of serviced, NYCHA personnel comes to my home to tell me that they don't handle this type of work, the main office must send in a contractor.

Several times I came home, and I was left a note that NYCHA personnel was there for the mold, but I never received notification by phone, email, call, or letter. I will call the customer service line and will explain to them that I work, I need to be informed of when someone will come so I can have someone in my home. I have also been told by NYCHA workers that when this is done, on purpose NYCHA personnel puts you on the bottom of the list for repairs.

I have complained to management office many times and no one has done anything. Recently I called the managers office to speak to Mr. Samuel superintended that came to my home and took pictures of everything. He questioned me if someone contacted me about mt repairs? I told him no, I haven't spoken to anyone since you came to my home. He was supposed to call me back, I haven't heard from him or anyone. This call happened about a week ago.

Other issues happening in my apartment is; My apartment hasn't been painted for at least 10 years. Because of the mold issue I have paint falling from my ceiling in the bathroom. Every time I bathe or bathe my kids I must make sure there isn't any paint chips in the tub. Every single day I must sweep the paint chips off the bathroom floor.

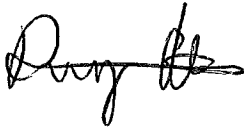
Recently we had a major flood in the entire apartment coming down from 2 floors above mine, according to NYCHA a pipe broke. I had water coming down through the walls of my bathroom, hallways, kitchen, and Livingroom for an entire week. I will call everyday for this problem to be fixed, fire department had to come and shutdown my electricity. When housing came to my home, they said the water is coming from up above and plumber is coming.

Plumber didn't come for another week, it took them A WEEK to fix this. The only thing NYCHA did was to bring a machine that took the water out of my apartment, that happened ONCE. This problem caused for my mold situation to get much worse than what it was, I now also have cracked paint all over the apartment now, and cracked tiles or missing throughout the apartment. This flood caused for over 10 towels and over 9 bed sheets to get damaged, I had to get rid of everything because of the smell and stains it left on my belongings.

The building condition aren't any better. Lobby is filthy dirty, main entrance door is broken, elevator constantly have urine and waste in them, halls ways extremely dirty from top to bottom, rotches all over, spiders all over and spider webs above almost every apartment door. The walls on my floors is so filthy you must walk in the middle to make sure that you don't touch the walls. I have neighbors that their apartment is in such bad conditions that the entire hall ways smells like their apartment when they open the door.

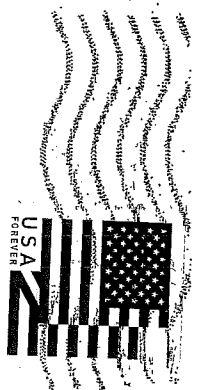
I do hope that this help you and us for a resolution to all this. I work hard to keep my apartment nice, I will like for the outside of my apartment to look nice as well.  
Any questions, I can be reached by email or call.

Thank you  
Rosemary Anderson

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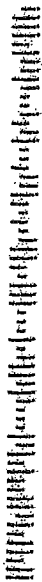
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My name is Jacquelin Andrew. I am a resident at Wagner Projects, at the above address for ten years. My family which consist of my daughter and my one year old grandson. We have been living under extreme hazardous living conditions; which are detrimental to not only myself but my entire family. These conditions are due to not only the lack of upkeep of the premises, but are also due to the refusal of NYCHA to take action on reprimanding certain malicious tenants, that also resides in the building. I have complained to no avail to NYCHA.

1. The tenant that directly lives in front of my apartment at 15B, is in need of assistance. He is not mentally capable of taking care of himself and an apartment. As a result, many of us are suffering from his unhealthy habits that disrupt our everyday living.
  - a. A On a daily basis, due to his inability to upkeep his apartment, we experiment a multitude of maggots, which enters my apartment. I have a toddler and a dog. It is very stressful and expensive, not to mention unhealthy to keep the infestation under control. I am a prisoner in my own apartment. I cannot leave my home for any extended amount of time, as I have no idea when I will be overrun with worms. I am afraid that if not kept under control, the worms can be picked up by any one of either my grandson or my dog. Whenever the incinerator are closed for repair, instead of taking his garbage outside. He would throw his garbage in the stairway. This resulted in numerous worms to be crawling on the walls. This is also not only a health code violation, but dangerous in case of escaping in case of any unforeseen occurrences.
  - b. The hallway has a horrific smell that encompasses not only the 15<sup>th</sup> floor, but also the above 16<sup>th</sup> floor, and the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. As a result, a magnitude of flies and roaches fills the hallways and our homes. All the surrounding neighbors complain. However, it is useless complaining to NYCHA, for nothing is being done. All of our Air conditioners have to be on throughout; as windows cannot be opened for fresh air. This is a waste of energy for everyone involved.
2. The tenant that lives above my apartment in 16C, is a very malicious person. Her deliberate behaviors are causing detrimental conditions to my family.
  - a. On a monthly basis, she constantly floods my entire apartment. If she uses her washing machines, which is located in her kitchen. During the spinning cycle, she allows the water to flow completely through the floor, and into my apartment. The water comes to not only to my apartment, but also straight through to the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. The water covers the kitchen floor and runs towards the front door. This destroys my kitchen mats, my supplies of food that are




stacked on the floor and worst of all, if this happened during while i'm cooking my meals, the water bounces into the pots. So, my meal have to be thrown away. The tenants on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor also complains to and about her Housing but she continues her malicious behavior.

- b. She have created a very unsanitary and hazardous unlivable conditions. This action is a health code violation. She constantly floods the bathroom. This results, in mold and peeling paint. This is so constant that housing no longer shows up. She refuses to open her door and permits entry into her apartment. It is very unhealthy to be waking up to fecal matter in water which goes to both bedroom, hallway and living room. This nasty action creates mole, smell and destruction of my property. In the bathroom, my bathroom rugs, shower curtain, toilet tissues, all of our toiletries and above all my stand that's behind the toilet. This is the second stand that I have bought. I can no longer keep replacing items, which are intentionally being destroyed. When the water flows into the bedrooms; the night stand, book case, and rugs also have to be thrown out. My living room rug, are also a part of these incidents. My living room speakers and wall unit bottoms are ruin. At this point, the tiles are raising from the floor. The water saturate itself under the tiles and creates an aroma.
- c. I continue to have health issue as I am the one that have to be involved with having the fecal matter water splashed on me, even in my face when trying to place container to catch her water. At times it is so plentiful my daughter have to get involved to usher it from our bedrooms and down the hallway. I do not want my grandson or my dog to become contaminated due to her actions. The building is old. She is now escalating the issue of mold and peeling paint. I try to have many of these issues solved on my own but at this point I can no longer manage on my own. Especially, since she continues to erode my hard work.
- d. Due to her constant clogging of the toilet, whatever is wrong in her bathroom, it is causing a clog between her apartment pipes and mines. On any given day, my toilet would now just over flow. I had absolutely no problem until she moved into that apartment. The very day she moved into her apartment, the children overflowed the sink.
- e. Her maliciousness does not stop with the deliberate constant flow of water. She allows the children to play with hard balls in her apartment at all hours. We would be awoken by the dribbling of the balls. The child would move around the apartment in search of our voices below. The walls are extremely thin, so if he hears any complaining, he bounces the ball above our heads. I've complained to the 311 operator. Police officer have been dispatched to her home. Yet, she continues. I've received a message from an officer Vegas from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. He observed, and reported, when he approached her, she insisted there were no ball bouncing taking place in her apartment. However, he explained, he moved towards the elevator and waited. Within minutes, she not only allowed the children to continue to play with one ball but two. He then approached her door

and rang the doorbell. He confronted her not; only about her lying but her un-neighborly and inappropriate behaviors towards me and my family. This action have been taking place even and during the birth of my grandson.

I am available to provide comments at the upcoming hearing. My telephone number is 646-226-7294. If unavailable. Please leave a message. Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,



Jacquelin Andrew

Honorable William H. Pauley III  
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Date: 8-15-18

My name is Immacula Ansitelo. I am a resident of 840 Columbus Ave Apt 45A. I am responding to the U.S. Settlements regarding United States v. NYCHA, and The Baez Settlement.

I am pleased to finally see that the federal government is aware of the neglect and mismanagement of NYCHA developments and its residents. This is a small victory thus far. As more is being revealed, we are confident you will continue to hold NYCHA accountable.

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I speak for my community when I say that we are frustrated, fearful and saddened by what we are seeing and experiencing. Yes there are a myriad of repairs that need to be done, but most importantly that our voices be heard in the face of privatization or as De Blasio calls it public/private partnership.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Our lives depend on people like you who stand up for justice.

Honorable William H. Pauley III  
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My name is Adam Antonetti Apt 12B. I am a resident of Douglas Houses. I am responding to the U.S. Settlements regarding United States v. NYCHA, and The Baez Settlement.

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August 7, 2018

Lucy Aponte  
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Robert Yalen,

My name is Lucy Aponte, I am 60 years old and I have been living at Grant Houses for many years. I reside at 430 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street in apartment 1-H, New York, NY 10027. I have been a member of the Grant Community Garden for about 10 years now and as of today I am currently a responsible member as a Head Leader for the Grant Community Garden. I can positively say I am very proud to be part of and enjoy being involved in helping our community.

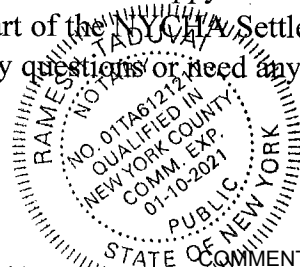
I agree that the New York City Housing should be more responsible in handling situations such as the following: mold and lead that is building up to unhealthy issues. I have been living in Grant Houses since the age of 5, living in 4 different apartments throughout my life. I have been dealing with poor maintenance for the past 15 years and tickets are being placed in for complaints repetitive times and unfortunately there is always a no show or other excuses. The times that someone magically appears they look at the problem(s) and their comments are "we will be right back" and the tickets get closed or rather rejected. Forcing me to continuously put in more work tickets. I have been dealing with mold in my bathroom for over 10 years now. They just paint over the problem areas and the mold just keeps continuing to come back. I was told by a housing worker that I could maintain the problem myself with bleach and water. Which I am not able to do because for one I have asthma and two the bathroom ceiling is very high and I feel unsafe using a ladder for fear of falling.

These conditions are very harmful for myself and my grandson who is only 10 years old that comes and stays with me. We both have been diagnosed with asthma, which he has been suffering since he was 4 months old. He has been to ICU numerous times. Seeing him suffering under these respiratory problems as well for many years now. Roaches are another problem I deal with every single day. Housing should exterminate the infestations when called, but they do not until the problem gets out of control. I have issues with tiles not being fixed as they should be. I have numerous missing, some are beige and the bottom are black which I am very concerned that there might be asbestos inside of the tiles. I have been trying to fix these unhealthy conditions since 2015. I have been dealing with this stressful situation for many years and I am happy that I can finally express my problems and let them be heard. I would gladly like to be a part of the NYCHA Settlement (1. US Settlement and 2 Baez Settlement). Thank you very much. If you have any questions or need any more information please feel free to call me any time at (347) 334-8808.

Thank you respectfully,  
Lucy Aponte

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August 1, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Barbara Araujo, and I am a member of South Bronx Churches. I live at 301 156<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10451. I have lived there for 26 years. I have asthma and have had surgery on my lungs for breathing problems. I am constantly coughing at night. The water that leaks from the ceiling has a strong odor that makes it hard to breath. I have two small children in the apartment and they scratch the walls, which is concerning because there is mold. My daughter has breathing problems. They wake up at night because they struggle to breath.

I have had mold problems in my apartment, and have asked NYCHA to repair the mold. They say it's an internal leak in the wall and have never fixed it, so I've paid to apply plaster with my own money. The mold always comes back. I've had mold problems for at least 4 years. People have come to the apartment and seen the problem and just said they can't fix it.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because I really want repairs and I feel like I'm getting sicker by the day. I have a lot of health problems and this is making things worse.

I would like to speak in support of the Revised Consent Decree at the hearing on September 26, 2018.

Signature: Barbara Araujo Date: 8-1-2018  
Barbara Araujo

I, Joel Diaz, certify that I am competent to translate between English and Spanish, and that I have read and translated this affidavit to Barbara Araujo to the best of my abilities.

Interpreter Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/01/2018

Sworn to before me this 1 day of August, 2018.

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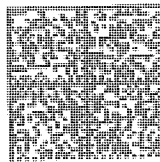


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August 8, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Maribel Arias, and I am a member of Manhattan Together.

I live at 50 Paladino Avenue. I have lived there for almost eight years.

I have had black mold around the bathtub in my bathroom for about three months. A supervisor came last week to inspect my apartment and told me that someone would schedule an appointment in two weeks. He asked whether I just want the mold repainted or the entire apartment. I asked for the entire apartment to be repainted, since it has not been painted in about nine years. As of now, no one has called me to schedule an appointment.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case.

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Maribel Arias

Date: 8/8/18

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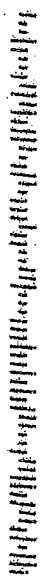
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Re: U.S. Settlement ☐ Baez Settlement ☐ BOTH ☒

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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable William H. Pauley III  
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Date: 8-20-18

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I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Our lives depend on people like you who stand up for justice.

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MARIBEL BAEZ, *et al.*,

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NEW YORK CITY HOUSING  
AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING  
AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC  
COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED  
SETTLEMENTS

WILLIAM H. PAULEY III, Senior United States District Judge:

The parties in the cases captioned Baez, et al. v. NYCHA and United States v. NYCHA (the "Parties") each seek judicial approval of the proposed settlements submitted in those cases. The parties request that this Court solicit public comment through which interested individuals or organizations may address the proposed settlements.

To assist in determining whether either or both of the proposed settlements should be approved, this Court will solicit input from interested members of the public through written comments and participation in a public hearing to be held in Courtroom 9C at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York at



**9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2018.** Accordingly, this Court adopts the following procedures that must be adhered to by any individual or organization wishing to provide written comments or to be heard at the public hearing.

1. **Written Comments:** Any person wishing to provide comments about either or both of the proposed settlements must send a letter of no more than 3 pages to the following address:

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers St., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

Letters must be received by **August 21, 2018** to be considered. Persons providing written comments must include in their letters their full names, addresses, and if applicable, the organization with which they are affiliated. Because these letters will be filed on the Court's public docket, written comments shall not include irrelevant, threatening, inflammatory, or confidential personal information.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York shall compile all written comments and file a set of all comments on the docket for each of the above-captioned matters. No comments will be accepted by telephone. Finally, anonymous comments will be rejected.

2. **Speaking at the Public Hearing:** Any person who wishes to speak at the hearing on September 26, 2018 must submit a written comment according to the procedures set forth above and include in the letter that he or she would like to speak. Counsel and the parties to the case will be given the first opportunity to speak. Members of the public will then be permitted to make statements in the order that their written comments were received. Other than

8/7/18

Marie Assebian  
129 West 142nd  
Manhattan , NY 10030

Dear: United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York

I have received the letter of your proposed settlement of court to NYCHA.I have a sickle child and two children. We moved to the fifth floor with no elevator,no lights in two bedrooms, Paint peeling in one of the bedrooms bathroom tub is old and paint peeling, old broken toilet bowl with a old valve with slow process water. The lobby main doors is broken. Half of the hallway building is peeling.

When my child had the sickle attack in his muscle he is unable to walk up and down the stairs.When EMT do come it is hard for them to even to transport him with the equipment from up to down the stairs. Few occasion I have to carry him up the stairs by myself when my older son is not around.The paint started peeling in one of the bedroom, the bathroom tub is old with peeling, the toilet is so old its leaking through a crack its must be all replaced with new. I am concerned for my family safety because of the broken lobby door since February 2018.I work late hours days and come home with strangers standing in the front of building porch due to the fact that there is a building garud. They sometime standing in the inside of the hallway at anytime. The whole building should be repainted and fixed.

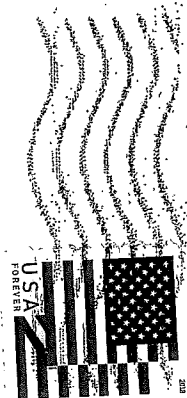
I am requesting help to live a safe building and descent home with my family.  
Looking Forward to hear from you.

Thank you.  
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August 17, 2018

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At-Risk Community Services, Inc. ("ARCS"), a not-for-profit agency which provides free legal services to the City-Wide Council of Presidents ("CCOP"), as well as the residents of NYCHA, hereby submits its comments to the proposed Consent Decree ("Decree").

The Decree establishes in great detail that NYCHA is a bad actor that, over the course of many years, created a *culture of corruption* in all facets of its activities. NYCHA failed to maintain its buildings and allowed them to fall into states of gross disrepair. It falsely closed out work orders. It lied to the federal government about compliance with lead paint. It failed to remediate toxic mold and vermin issues. It failed to keep the boilers working causing, 80% of its residents to be without heat this past winter alone. It lied about contamination in water tanks. Yet despite these and many other failings, the Decree essentially lets NYCHA off the hook: shielding it from criminal prosecution, allowing it to preside over its own compliance, and allowing all of the guilty parties to remain in their current roles. We find it shocking that the USAO worked so hard to prove how completely rotten to the core NYCHA is, but then failed to provide adequate fixes. We have major concerns with the way the Decree deals with almost all of the issues it seeks to address.

First, the Decree fails to include the single most important group – the residents. Federal regulations require the residents to be a part of decision making as well as all other facets of NYCHA. Yet the residents have no meaningful role. *They should be a party to the Decree, through CCOP* (their recognized, duly elected representatives). No one understands the issues like the residents. No one can speak to the inhumane treatment they have received over the years, and certainly no one knows what needs to be done to fix those issues, moreso than the residents themselves. Yet no one has asked them for their input throughout this entire process. It was very disheartening that the three parties utterly failed to take the residents into account in the very long negotiations that led to the Decree, bringing them in for one single meeting just days before the Consent Decree was agreed to, and ignoring the suggestions that CCOP made at that meeting. This is how NYCHA has treated CCOP and the residents for years; that the USAO took the same approach is not a good indication that things will be any different under the Decree.



Other specific shortcomings in the Decree include:

Section 15 gives the USAO power to select the monitor with input from the City and NYCHA. It has the “discretion” to take views from other groups. Despite the federal regulations, the Consent Decree has no requirement the residents have a voice in the process.

Section 18 states that the monitor has the power to make sure NYCHA complies with the law. But NYCHA is required to be in compliance with the law with or without a monitor. What then is this Decree adding?

Section 21 sets forth that the monitor will meet with tenant groups (but not specifically CCOP) twice a year to “solicit input....and advise the Monitor on the prioritization of projects”. This has virtually no teeth and gives the residents no real power.

Sections 23-26 give the monitor, along with NYCHA, all power to create performance requirements. Sections 27-34 then give NYCHA and the monitor authority to create all other actions plans. All this is done without resident input. Further, the performance requirements are, for all intents and purposes, the federal and state laws which govern these issues. NYCHA is already required to follow city, state and federal law so we fail to see how these actions plans are adding anything. See also Section 77.

Shockingly, Section 35 then states that *the monitor has no day-to-day responsibility for NYCHA*. Day to day management is left in the hands of NYCHA, with no oversight. Equally incomprehensibly, Section 36 then allows NYCHA the ability to outsource much of its work to third party vendors despite the fact that NYCHA has over ten thousand employees on its payroll who are supposedly responsible to perform this work. Sadly, this is already the way NYCHA has been running its operations. The Decree essentially codifies NYCHA’s **fiscally irresponsible work practices** for them. *Further, the Decree is completely silent on federal Section 3 requirements to give work to NYCHA residents, another area in which NYCHA is currently admittedly deficient.*

Section 38 mentions design build. Sadly, it is limited to New York State’s contributed funding which may or may not ever be added to this Decree. NYCHA and the monitor continue to be constrained by the City’s horrible procurement processes, which are compounded by NYCHA’s awful inefficiency. This is especially upsetting with regard to heat and new boilers. It will be years before new boilers will be installed. *This means that 80% of residents might go without heat for at least another two winters.*

Sections 41-45 discuss NYCHA’s reporting to the monitor. Note that all data and information at the monitor’s disposal comes from NYCHA. We will discuss below.

Sections 53-60 discuss additional funding by the City. The dollar amount is approximately two billion dollars over ten years, or two hundred million dollars a year. By



NYCHA and the City's own admission, NYCHA needs over thirty-two billion dollars in the next five years. In other words, the City's additional funding is grossly inadequate to make any real change.

Section 61 allows the City to claim "undue financial hardship," meaning they may never even make these payments.

Sections 63-65 make up some of the most grievous offenses in the Decree. NYCHA is required to set up compliance and environmental health and safety departments. These departments are to be staffed with NYCHA employees and a chief compliance officer ("CCO") who is also an employee of NYCHA. *In effect, NYCHA has been tasked with policing itself.* This is incomprehensible in light of their decades of non-compliance. NYCHA keeps its own data, shared with no third parties, and then creates a Quality Assurance Unit staffed with its own people, to verify that it is in compliance with all rules and regulations created therein. This is the exact same entity which was just caught lying to the Federal Government about these very issues. *Further, in July 2018, NYCHA announced that it already hired a CCO, without any monitor input.* We wonder if this is the same compliance department as the Decree contemplates or a totally separate one. At their single meeting with the USAO, CCOP and ARCS were very clear that compliance must be done by third parties because NYCHA cannot be trusted to do it themselves.

As stated above, Sections 71 and 72 effectively close the book on NYCHA's wrongdoings. No criminal charges, all civil claims resolved, and all claims released. No punishment or disciplinary actions for the guilty. (While USAO leaves the door slightly open for criminal actions against individuals, the current management and employees appear to be off the hook.)

After analyzing the Decree, our position is that it represents "business as usual" for NYCHA with an added expensive layer of bureaucracy. It does not have to be this way. A revised Decree can be a true force for good and the "watershed" change that the USAO advocated. This can be achieved by: (i) adding CCOP as a fourth party to the Decree with the ability to negotiate as an equal member, (ii) adding independent third parties who understand NYCHA to the compliance and quality assurance departments, (iii) major changes, or exceptions, to the procurement rules for NYCHA (e.g. accelerated procurement, design build), (iv) ensuring that the monitor is sufficiently funded and staffed to do its own oversight outside of NYCHA (i.e. Section 53 should be strengthened), and (v) establishing a unit to hold individual management and staff accountable for past wrongs, *with consequences* such as disciplining, transfer, etc.

*Eliezer Hecht, Esq., Director of ARCS, hereby requests the opportunity to address the court at the public hearing on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*



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To The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York. My name is Nancy Aubry. I live here at 70 Pitt Street 203 Gompers housing since 1964 my mom had raised us here. She had passed away 2008. I took over the apartment. I've had problems with all my work problems tickets not being answered. Winter no heat hot water, or no water without notice. Now my sockets have to be replaced on my walls. Now my lock on my door the cylinder has to be changed. Three tickets no show or they closed them. 7/29/18 came 10:45 at night. did not fix it. 60476574 Went to managers office. 7/30/18 604925927 no one showed. 8/1/18 Another ticket 60534479. no show. Now one big problem my rent was raised four percent knowing my daughter was in and out of working to hold a job and go back to school to better herself. I gave them letters and prove. They lost it. Now I have to go to court for back rent, this was their fault. I've been paying 650.00 a month thinking it was adjusted and it was not. I work part time 26 hours a week. And took a loan from the welfare place which I have to pay back and taxes I pay back, they are kidding me. 11,000 back rent that can't be. This matter has to be taken care of.

And Then we have people that don't live here is the staircases designating. I clean my hall way sweep mop. And the elevators also sometimes. No Security here. I will go to court with this rent matter but the manager is in the wrong. Please this matter has to be handled.

Thank you.

Nancy Hobry

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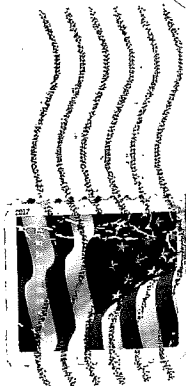
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ATTN Robert Yalen, Esq. NYCHA Settlement.

Aug 20, 2018

William H. Pauley III

My name is Blanca Ruiz,  
and I have a few complaints. For the  
past six months I have been reporting  
that my Kitchen Cabinet is on the floor.  
No one has listen to my complaints.  
The wall in the hallway is dripping water  
and I spend plenty of time trying to clean  
it, and I'm afraid of mold. I have complain  
but nothing has been done. I don't know  
what else to do. I hope you can help me.

Sincerely

Blanca Ruiz  
55 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street #2H  
New York, NY 10029

Blanca Cruz  
55 East 102nd Street #2H  
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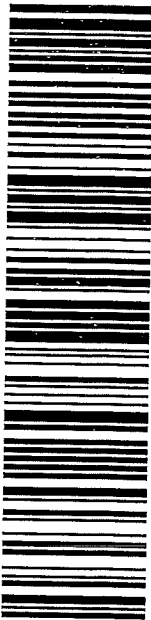
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8/3/18 5716 Farragut RD  
Brooklyn NY 11234 apt 3D

My name is Karen Ayala

I am living at  
glenwood houses in Brooklyn NY 11234  
apt 3D and my apt is infested with  
roaches and the tiles in my apt are  
coming up the stairwell is always  
with a bad odor of urine and human  
feces on the stairwell my rent  
keeps going up every month I got my  
lease and it says \$241.00 monthly  
I told them more than 5 times  
they need to fix up my rent  
I got 3 different rent for the  
month of July for August rent  
the housing staff here are very  
nasty to clients ~~the~~ <sup>urine</sup> ~~pee~~ in the  
elevator dogs & human urine  
hallway had painting garbage in LOBBY  
LOBBY door always broken I would like  
something to be done people hanging on  
in the hallway a lot of trash outside  
of building my Bath Room & Kitchen  
has Rust water

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My Furniture also got roaches from this apt coming out garbage on the grass in front of Building. the Childrens park is very ~~filthy~~ filthy the gate is leaning over the entire apt is infested with Roaches Maintenance mops with a filthy stinking mop Building entire is always dirty when I ask maintenance or housing staff to fix something they don't respond to it quickly always have to wait 24 to 48 hours of more and I only been here 2 months and ~~the~~ Mr Kahn give me all different Rent State ments that is my housing assistant ~~at~~ at Glenwood houses and I spent about \$250.00 in Roach sprays and Roach Bombs

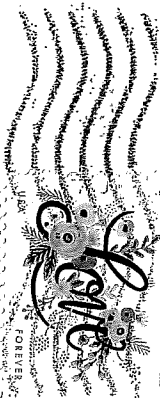
Thank you very much Mrs Ayala  
hope something is done



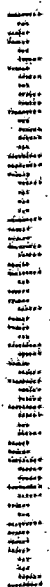
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
I DIANE BABBS IS A ~~RES~~  
RESIDENT AT THOMAS JEFFERSON  
PROJECT: 2065 3RD AVE 11B  
N.Y.C 10029

I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE  
APRIL 4, 2008, AND SINCE I  
BEEN HERE, I HAD A  
BATHROOM WALL THAT COLLAPSE  
AND JUST MISS MY DAUGHTER  
WHO WAS 8 AT THE TIME,  
IN 2009 HAD ISSUE WITH MY  
KITCHEN FLOOR, MRS. ROSA  
WAS MANGER AT THE TIME,  
DIDNT BELIEVE THAT IT WAS  
WOOD UNDER THE TILES AND  
STILL BREAKING UP THE TILES  
ONE NIGHT WENT IN THE  
KITCHEN WITH NOTHING ON  
MY FEET AND GOT CUT, BUT  
WASNT BAD DIDNT HAVE TO GO  
TO THE HOSPITAL. HERE ARE  
PICTURE OF MY FLOOR.  
THEN SAY 4 YEARS AGO

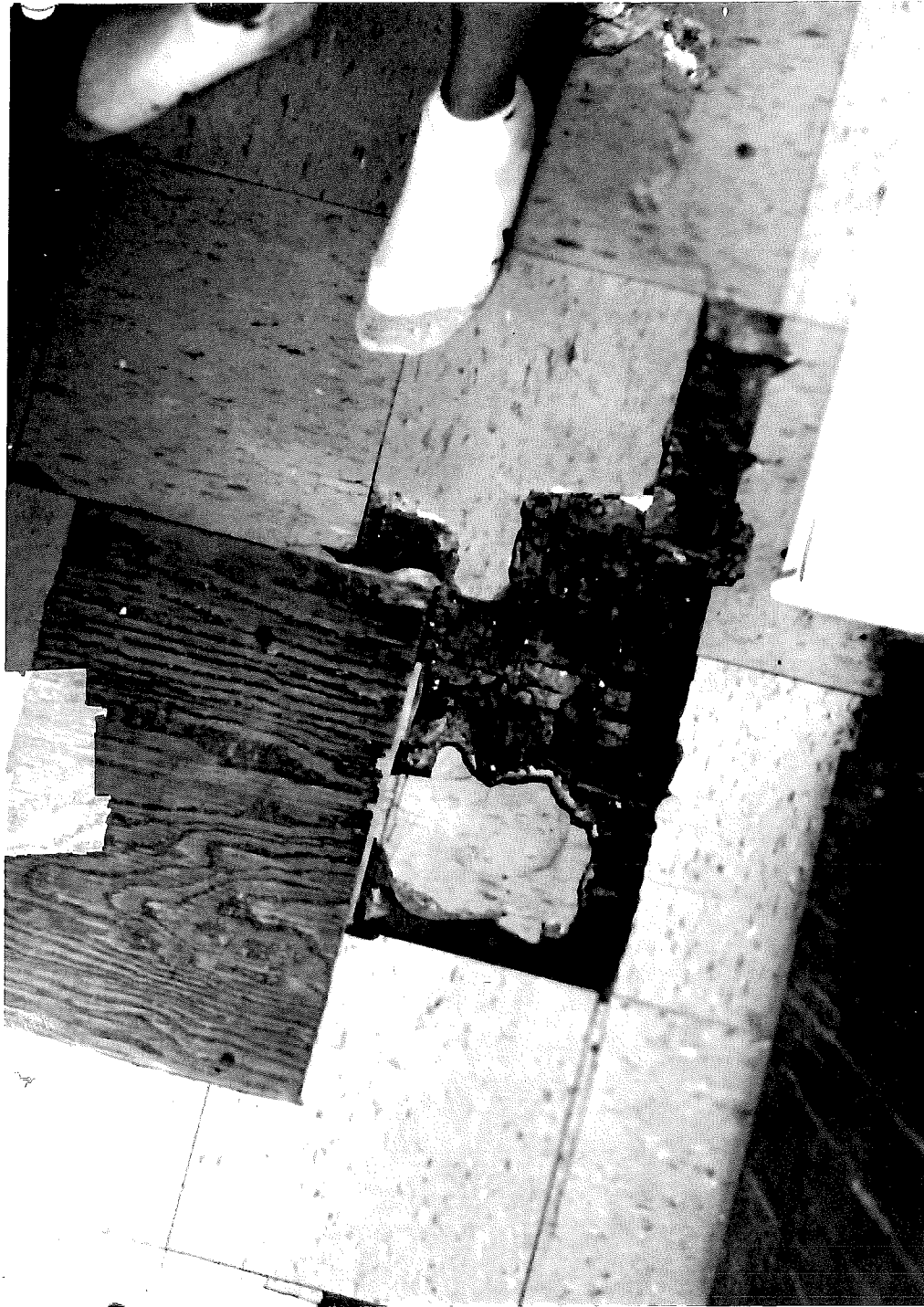
A Lady upstairs had a LEAK  
which came down on me  
and damage 1,900, worth  
of LEATHER COATS, and they  
REFUSE to do anything.

EVERYTIME I put a ticket  
in for the floor they  
CLOSE it out.

TO top it off, I'm PARALYSIS  
ON my left side due to a stroke  
AND they HAVE me on the  
11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR with 3 ASTHMA  
daughter, when there  
~~is~~ WAS A FIRE AND NO  
ELEVATOR for a couple of  
days, I had to walk upstairs  
which was hard NO HAND  
RAIL to hold on, so I had  
to MAKE SURE somebody  
was behind IN CASE I  
fell.







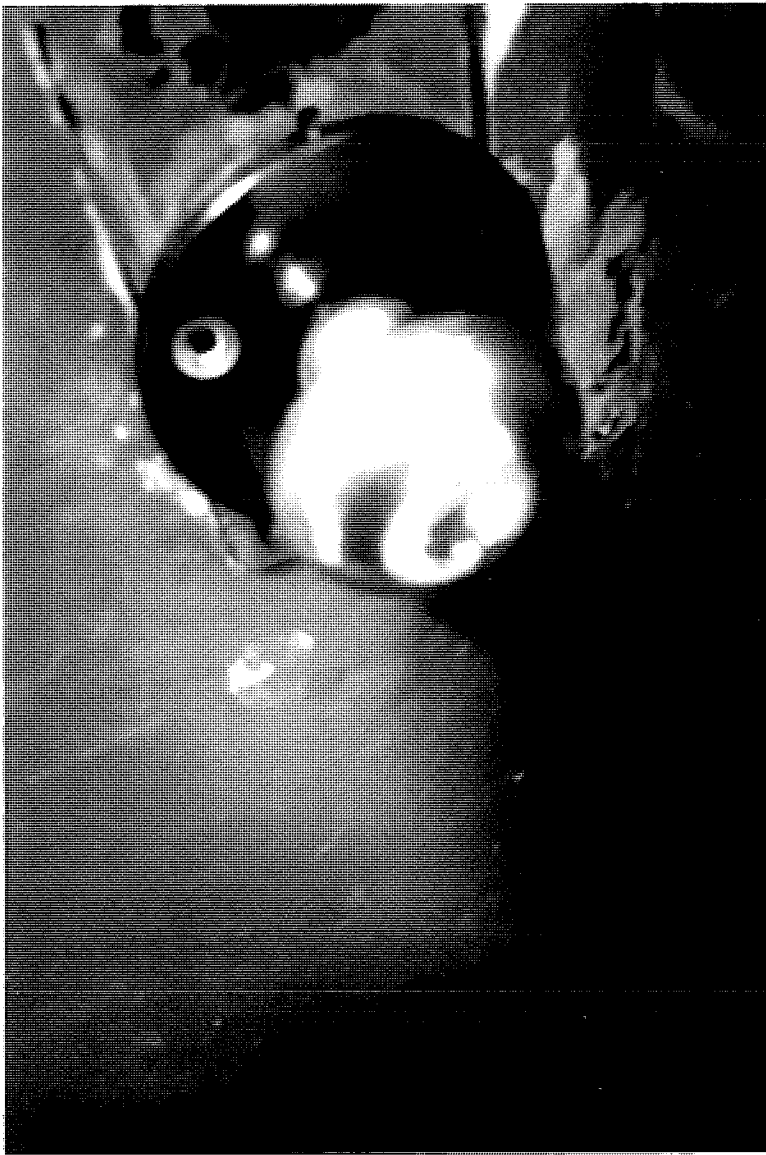


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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
36 CHAMBERS ST. 3RD FLOOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

ATTN: ROBERT YALEW ESQ. N.Y.C.H.A  
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Grass not  
Cut



Grass not  
Clean up



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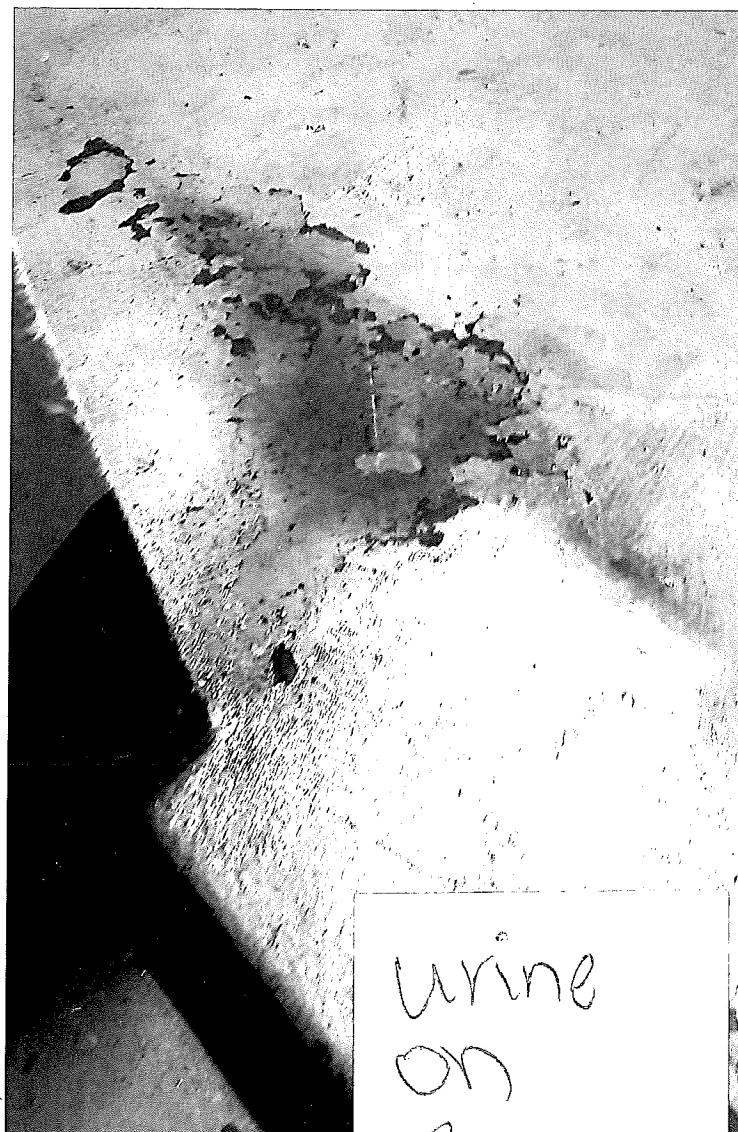


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Urine  
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August 5, 2018

My name is Jennifer Bair.  
live at 1165 East 229th Street  
#8G Bronx NY 10466. I live  
at at eden ward with my  
three kids for 15yrs.

my daughter T [REDACTED] S [REDACTED]  
is 19yrs old [REDACTED] with cerebral  
palsey and mental disable +  
physical disable. T [REDACTED]  
depend on elevator everyday  
Because T [REDACTED] use wheelchair  
to go to school and appointment  
with mom and home health aid.

My Problem is elevator is  
full with urine, garbage  
and its smell in elevator.  
The elevator is never fix  
correctly because the elevator  
A door don't close complete  
and that scared my families

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My second problem is the stairs is urine on<sup>the</sup> stairs and feces.

The door knobs are off the door not safe if there is emergency, and also if there is a fire.

The stairs also have mental Peoples that sleep on the stairs.

my apartment is full of Roaches in all of Bedrooms, Kitchen refrigerator, bathroom, living room and all of Cabinets

my apartment have flies, in the hallways because of garbage is not remove on time.

my 11yrs son T [REDACTED] S [REDACTED]  
Trible with asthma, eczema.  
and with Ad H d



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My daughter K [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] is 12yrs old.  
have problem with comprehension  
in school.

My Building floors need to be clean  
everyday. Nobody clean the floors  
The stairs need to Paint.  
The Paint is peeling off the wall.

The Vent in my apartment and Hall-  
Walls is full with dust and dirt.  
That dangerous for my families  
breathing and my health.

The Outside of Building the grass  
is not cut and if is cut nobody  
Clean up the grass off the floors.

The Garbage leave outside in front  
of Building long length of time,  
we have to pass the garbage. Seeing  
flies coming out of garbage.

The dumpster is alway full with  
garbage, Creating More flies, Roaches.

Housing need to treat the tenant  
Better, We pay rent, so we deserved  
to Be treated with clean and safe Building.



**9:30 a.m.** on **September 26, 2018**. Accordingly, this Court adopts the following procedures that must be adhered to by any individual or organization wishing to provide written comments or to be heard at the public hearing.

1. **Written Comments**: Any person wishing to provide comments about either or both of the proposed settlements must send a letter of no more than 3 pages to the following address:

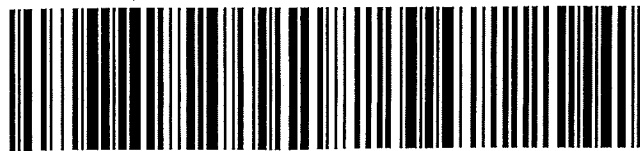
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Letters must be received by **August 21, 2018** to be considered. Persons providing written comments must include in their letters their full names, addresses, and if applicable, the organization with which they are affiliated. Because these letters will be filed on the Court's public docket, written comments shall not include irrelevant, threatening, inflammatory, or confidential personal information.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York shall compile all written comments and file a set of all comments on the docket for each of the above-captioned matters. No comments will be accepted by telephone. Finally, anonymous comments will be rejected.

2. **Speaking at the Public Hearing**: Any person who wishes to speak at the hearing on September 26, 2018 must submit a written comment according to the procedures set forth above and include in the letter that he or she would like to speak. Counsel and the parties to the case will be given the first opportunity to speak. Members of the public will then be permitted to make statements in the order that their written comments were received. Other than





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To whom it may concern,

There are lots of problems in my building: the ceiling in the lobby is falling down every weekend; the elevators get stuck between floors; there are cockroaches infesting the whole building; the soap-holder in the bathroom is broken; the kitchen cabinets are broken; the building is noisy because there are large groups of people living in many of the apartments; there is nobody to call when the pipes are leaking or the fire alarm goes off.

I think NYCHA should have to prove that they are using the money effectively, otherwise you're just rewarding incompetence.

- Sincerely

Moise George Balan

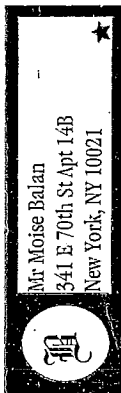
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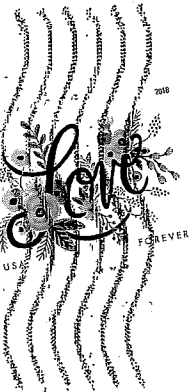
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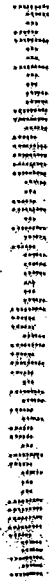
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August 13, 2018

Attn: Robert Valeri, Esq  
NYCHA Settlement

My name is Samantha Balvez  
I live at 2370 First Ave Apt 6B, NY NY  
10035, Wagner Houses in Manhattan.  
I've been living here ten years.

My apartment has mold through out  
each room, especially the bathroom, which  
has been plastered numerous of  
times. Last date was November 2017  
and mold is still present. Old chip  
paint is falling from the walls and  
heating pipes as well.

My daughter and I have severe illnesses.  
She has Anxiety and has been medically  
diagnosed, which I am her Caretaker  
for she cannot travel alone.

I have Asthma, migraines, and had  
a Brain Aneurysm in September 2017  
which I needed emergency Surgery.

I've never had these issues before.

I been to management on ALL of  
these issues in my apartment and  
all they tell me, Call for ticket or  
moveout because many people will take

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my apartment. I had a situation on June 7 2018, NYPD and FDNY drilled open my front door for no reason. Someone called 911 (no one from my apt) they came, we told them nothing happening here, we all left and they came back knocking my door down, my neighbors telling them she is not home, why are you doing that, they cursed at them and continued. 6 hours after we told them. Now my door doesn't properly lock and I cannot see who is at my door. My daughter and I live in fear because I went to get a report on this incident and there is nothing in writing that FDNY came and did this to my door. The police told me the same. Now management will take their time to replace my door, like they do for everything else.

I am paying \$1,180 for Rent, living in mold and chip paint, leaks coming through from neighbors with pipe issues. And feces / urine in the halls and stair cases, Garbage, in elevators.

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I have to walk through people smoking drugs, hanging out on my floor that do not live here.

It has gotten so bad that I had to take my daughter to a friend house because she was getting panic attacks and has been hospitalized due to the violence and now my door not closing right.

I work fulltime in a hospital, I've missed work due to all of what I mentioned, I myself have been getting sick again with the migraines and Asthma because I've been under an amount of Stress lately.

I am looking to move, MCHHA still can't give me an answer on my transfer since 2015. All they want is rent money, they do not care for our safety or well being. Please help me get out of this apartment. Myself and my daughter Health is important. I am a good tenant, I do not deserve to live in these conditions.

Thank You

Samantha Galvez



x Sanat Por Galay 8/16/18

State of: New York, County of: New York

Sworn (or Affirmed) to before me

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 2018

Notary Signature: 

**ELizabeth Johnson**

Notary Public, State of New York

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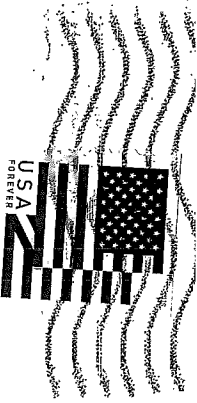
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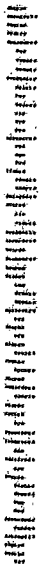
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Apt 6B, NY NY  
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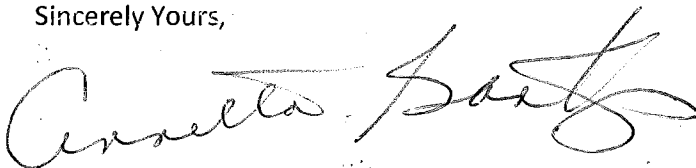
Annetta Banks  
330 East 115 Street Apt 7b  
New York, New York 10029

United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Annetta Banks and I have been living in Jefferson Houses since 1969. I have been having a mold problem in my bathroom for over ten years. The ceiling leaks when there is too much rain on the roof. The hallway by the elevator leaks as well. When we take showers the ceiling leaks in the tub while you are showering. The moisture in the bathroom is so bad we have to leave the door open so that it won't leak as much. The walls are soft and the paint pales off. They have come to fix the problem many times with nothing fixed. They have come and paint the bathroom and the mold just comes back. The problem has never been fixed. I have been spraying bleach to try and see if that will keep the mold problem down but it just comes back. I have asthma problems as a result from this problem. I have mold problems in the bed rooms as well and they leak to.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annetta Banks".

Annetta Banks



Annette Banks  
330 East 115 Street A7B  
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To whom it may concern

7/31/18

My Name is Carshae Banks I reside in Albany Houses 1400 Bergen st apt 3B, Brooklyn N.Y 11213. I would love to speak about the problems elevators and waiting 5 days to come fix leaks and claps.

Thank You  
Carshae Banks  
1400 Bergen st 3B  
Brooklyn N.Y 11213

P.S. I have video of me being in my house for almost 5 days of not being able to take a shower or brush my teeth

Rhonda Banks

350 East 124 Street Apt 9c

New York, New York 10035

United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York

86 Chambers Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10007

Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Rhonda Banks and I have lived in Wagner Houses for over twenty years. There is lead base paint and molding problems in the apartments. I myself had mold in the bathroom and called in a ticket for it and the problem was never resolved. I had also needed for the bathroom to be painted because they had done some plaster repair. The man came and painted the walls and just corked around the bathroom tub and the panel and didn't address the mold problem. This is how things are done with NYCHA when you report problems. I keep reporting the same problems over and over again sometimes the problem is fixed and sometimes they are not. You are left helpless because you have no control over the repairs.

Thank You,

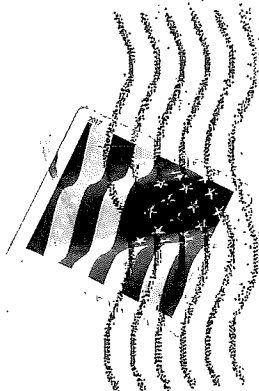


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Shirley M. Barnes  
588 Castle Hill Ave #95  
Bronx N.Y. 10473  
August 9, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of the Castle Hill Houses in the Bronx, my family and I moved here when my son was ten, he is now fifty-two.

Castle Hill houses use to be a place you could be proud of, my apartment had mildew in the bathroom three or four times, I never had asthma in my life now at age 74 I have asthma, use a pump and sometimes an machine to breath better, if I had to walk up the stairs I will have to stop on every floor and the stairs are a mess. For someone who pay 1,208.60 a month I feel I am living worse than the homeless. Its a shame how the city and most other fed project people are worthless I for one

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worked all my life, had to retire, because my hand the right one that I write with was getting worse. instead of enjoying retirement I am in the house all the time because of the heat and my asthma, and that is not enjoying life at all.

As for the lead, I have great grand children that visit for long periods of time and pray it's not in 95. What housing need to do is hire more workers so the buildings the grounds + apartments are better, instead the top men get paid just for sitting and opening their mouth. The people in the projects are humans also.

Sincerely

Shirley M. Barnes  
588 Castle Hill Ave #95  
Bronx N.Y. 10473

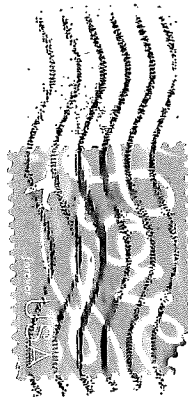




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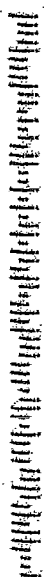
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ATTN: Robert Yalen, Esq.

I MS. MARY BARNES DO NOT  
HAVE KIDS FOR LEAD PAINT SAFETY  
THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE NEVER TO  
PAINT. THE PAINT THEY USED IS  
LEAD PAINT. I ALSO WANTED  
TO STATE THAT I HAVE A CLEANING  
PEOPLE TO CLEAN MY APARTMENT.  
Letter Attach. I do not have  
mold in my APARTMENT and if so  
housing have not did repairs.  
I put in they took pictures but  
they "never" responded. I have  
a hole in the bathroom ceiling  
which I didn't cause. I live  
with Kathleen Goerke roommate  
and she is disabled. She can't walk.

I'm Mentally disable; And Also  
 I have Arthritis in both  
 Shoulders. I and Kathleen Goerke  
 my roommate can't Clean the Apartment,  
 So Kathleen Goerke Insurance gave  
 her a Cleaning people to do her  
 And my Apartment.

I can't Afford lawyer, I have  
 No money or Assets for you.

Sincerely,  
 Mary A. Barnes  
 MARY A. BARNES

Doctors for disability: 865 Columbus Ave  
 NY, NY 11205 Apt. 15F

Kathleen  
 Goerke

DONNA Finkelstein, MD - (212) 844-8100

MARY BARNES - Martin Arron, MD - (212) 844-8100  
 (Mental doctor - Clair Jackson-Rabinowich, DO  
 (212) 420-2127

MARY + Kathleen # 646-998-4877

Mary Ann Barnes  
Kathleen Ann Goette  
865 Columbus Ave. Apt. 15E  
New York, NY 10025

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Honorable William H. Pauley III  
United States District Court  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Date: 8/17/18

My name is Rosario Barnes. I am a resident of Dodglass House. I am responding to the U.S. Settlements regarding United States v. NYCHA, and The Baez Settlement.

I am pleased to finally see that the federal government is aware of the neglect and mismanagement of NYCHA developments and its residents. This is a small victory thus far. As more is being revealed, we are confident you will continue to hold NYCHA accountable.

As a NYCHA resident, I am concerned about my community and am requesting, your Honor, that you elect leaders from our community (NYCHA leaders), to sit at the table with those you have put in place to monitor the monies, repairs and organization as we go forward.

Carmen Quinones is a NYCHA resident, has held many offices supporting our community for years and is the perfect candidate to sit with the federal monitors at the table. She is someone we can trust to help express the needs of low income residents as we face these challenging times. We deserve to have input and transparency as we work together to insure the safety, longevity and quality of life for those who's history has been plagued with injustices. We are the backbone of this society and are what makes this country able to thrive.

I speak for my community when I say that we are frustrated, fearful and saddened by what we are seeing and experiencing. Yes there are a myriad of repairs that need to be done, but most importantly that our voices be heard in the face of privatization or as De Blasio calls it public/private partnership.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Our lives depend on people like you who stand up for justice.

Rosario Barnes

CYNTHIA BARRETT  
3010 Yates Avenue #7F  
Bronx, New York 10469  
July 30, 2018

100 United States Attorney Office  
My Name is Mrs Cynthia BARRETT  
I live at Eastchester Gardens. I  
have been a disable NYCHA resident  
for 6 years beginning in Dec 19, 2011  
and at present, I live in a disable  
apartment <sup>with</sup> mold smells in my  
whole apartment. I also live on  
the top floor 7F rooftop. Since  
living in NYCHA I have experience  
many, many, many cold winters  
with heat. I have to heat  
my bedroom with a small heater  
I have to sleep in clothing and  
stay in the bed to feel warm.  
I have also many health problems  
also beginning disable. My age is 63 <sup>years</sup>  
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old. I have roaches, cockroaches and lady bugs during summer months. Also during fall, winter, spring and summer I have a infestations of roaches. I keep a clean Apartment but that donot stop the roaches from coming in. I have a lot of leaks in Kitchen, living room bathroom & bedroom ceiling during Fall, winter, Spring & summer months also during bad rainy ~~storms~~ and bad snowy season also the ~~free~~ <sup>trees</sup> outside my windows in the whole Apartment is too ~~near~~ near my windows during one bad snowy season the window in the Kitchen crack and had to be displace. During the summer months the elevator ~~that~~ is broken a lot which means I cannot keep my doctor Appt or go out shopping or whatever I have to do. I am disable and need the elevator for use since I live on the top floor Apartment 7F.

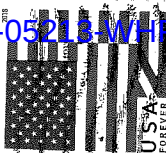
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I hope I have written this letter which will be some help in the case the United States Attorney office have <sup>with</sup> ~~against~~ the NYCHA. If you have any more questions for me you can write me at my Address or call me on my cell phone 347-634 0318

Thank You  
~Ms Cynthia Barnett



Cynthia Barrett  
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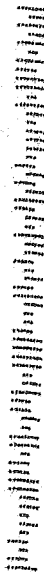
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New York, NY 10007

Date: 8/15/18

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIBEL BAEZ, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING  
AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING  
AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC  
COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED  
SETTLEMENTS

WILLIAM H. PAULEY III, Senior United States District Judge:

The parties in the cases captioned Baez, et al. v. NYCHA and United States v.

NYCHA (the "Parties") each seek judicial approval of the proposed settlements submitted in those cases. The parties request that this Court solicit public comment through which interested individuals or organizations may address the proposed settlements.

To assist in determining whether either or both of the proposed settlements should be approved, this Court will solicit input from interested members of the public through written comments and participation in a public hearing to be held in Courtroom 9C at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York at

**9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2018.** Accordingly, this Court adopts the following procedures that must be adhered to by any individual or organization wishing to provide written comments or to be heard at the public hearing.

1. **Written Comments:** Any person wishing to provide comments about either or both of the proposed settlements must send a letter of no more than 3 pages to the following address:

**United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York  
86 Chambers St., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attn: Robert Yalen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement**

Letters must be received by **August 21, 2018** to be considered. Persons providing written comments must include in their letters their full names, addresses, and if applicable, the organization with which they are affiliated. Because these letters will be filed on the Court's public docket, written comments shall not include irrelevant, threatening, inflammatory, or confidential personal information.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York shall compile all written comments and file a set of all comments on the docket for each of the above-captioned matters. No comments will be accepted by telephone. Finally, anonymous comments will be rejected.

2. **Speaking at the Public Hearing:** Any person who wishes to speak at the hearing on September 26, 2018 must submit a written comment according to the procedures set forth above and include in the letter that he or she would like to speak. Counsel and the parties to the case will be given the first opportunity to speak. Members of the public will then be permitted to make statements in the order that their written comments were received. Other than



August 15, 2018

To: Whom this May Concerns,

Hello my name is Jacqueline Bennett. I lived at 41-11 12th Street Apt. #3C. in a one bedroom apartment with my daughters at the ages of 15 and 5. Around the middle of 2007 that problem started from the bathroom that travelled to the outside wall, it got so bad even passing from the bedroom to the kitchen.. I had bought a heavy duty plastic and duct tape to cover it. I had pictures but the old phone got damage. I put in orders/tickets multiple times. The plaster/painter just scraped the paint over it. It got worse. Then my bedroom started leaking.. I complained to the leasing office. They resolved it by moving me to a two bedroom apartment at 41-04 10th Street #4A. Now in my bathroom ceiling over the shower, the paint is peeling again..

My youngest daughter is 16 now, and she has very bad nose bleeds and bad headaches.

I took her to the doctors a few times about that. Just recently I had an apartment inspection, and I told them about the bathroom ceiling, then show him. And he said I had to call the service number. If that was an inspection and (I didn't get an inspection notice) I am discussing my apartment problems to him, he should have noted that, instead of telling me to call the service number for a ticket.

I would speak at the hearing when the times comes. Thank you for listening.

J. Powell  
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To: Robert Valen, Esq., NYCHA Settlement  
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Date: 8/20/2018  
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From: J. Barnett

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August 1, 2018

Dear Honorable Judge Pauley,

My name is Ana Maria Batista, and I am a member of Immaculate church.

I live at 301 E. 156 St. Apt. 8C Bronx, NY. I have lived there for 22 years.

I have asthma.

For over 10 year I have had problems with mold and excessive moisture. The bathroom and bedrooms have mold. In my bathroom there is a tube I use to sustain myself that has been broken for several months, because of my age I need it to use the bathroom. Additionally, they have not fixed my mailbox.

I reported these problems to NYCHA by calling in several maintenance requests.

NYCHA has only painted over the mold and it is affecting my asthma problems. Every time I call to have my issues fixed they keep telling me I need to wait and they never fix anything. They tell me my request is processing and that I must wait.

I attended a meeting with Class Counsel to learn about the proposed Revised Consent Decree in the *Baez* case and I support it because for my own health I need the problems to be resolved. NYCHA has ignored my complaints and because they don't fix things my health is suffering.

Signature: Ana M Batista Date: 1/8/2018

Ana Maria Batista

I, Karen Reyes, certify that I am competent to translate between English and Spanish, and that I have read and translated this affidavit to Ana Maria Batista to the best of my abilities.

Interpreter Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/1/2018

Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

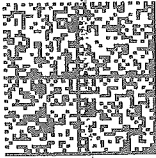
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Honorable William H. Pauley III  
United States District Court  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Date: 8/20/18

My name is Gavina Batista Apt. 1A. I am a resident of Douglas Houses. I am responding to the U.S. Settlements regarding United States v. NYCHA, and The Baez Settlement.

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Date: 8/20/18

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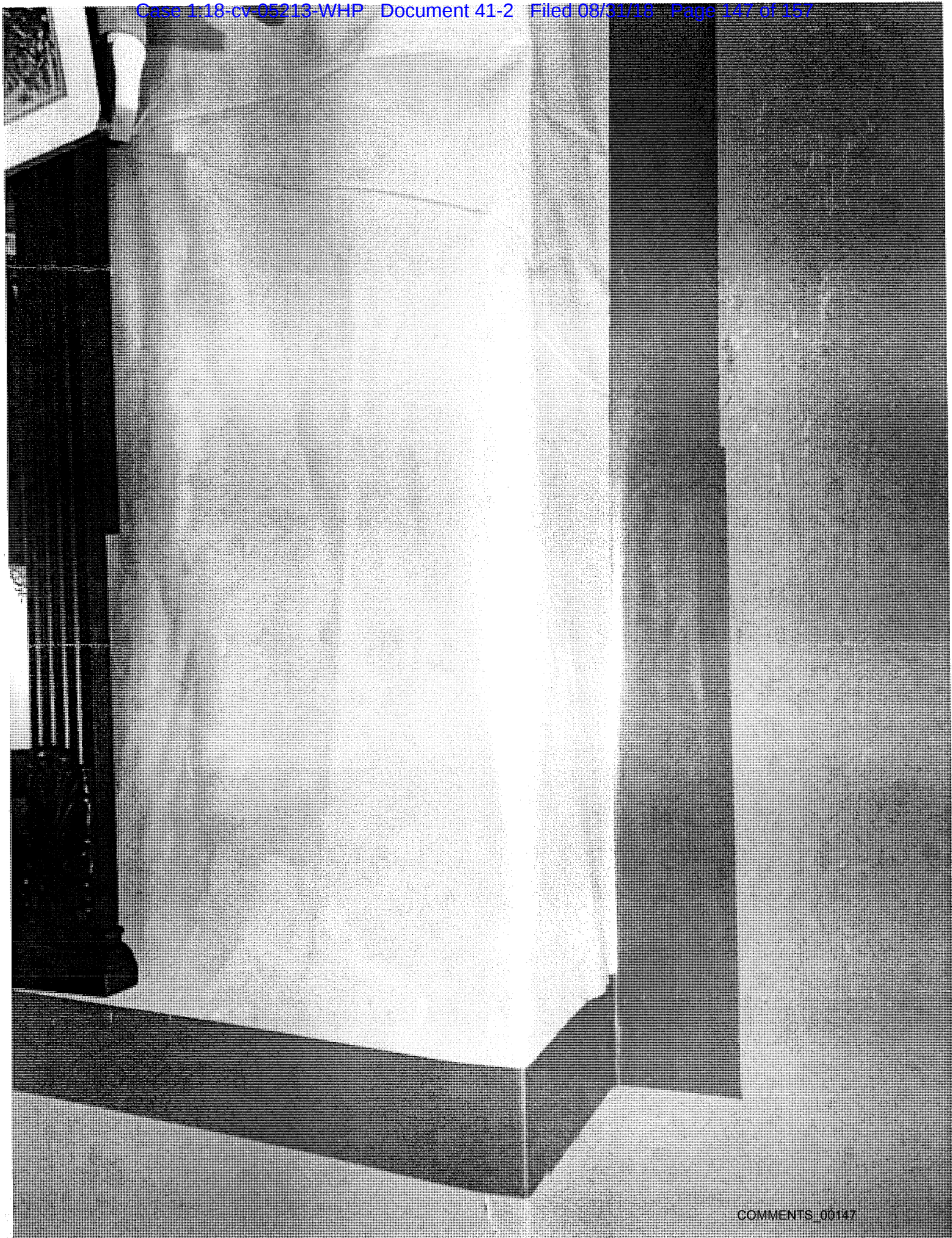
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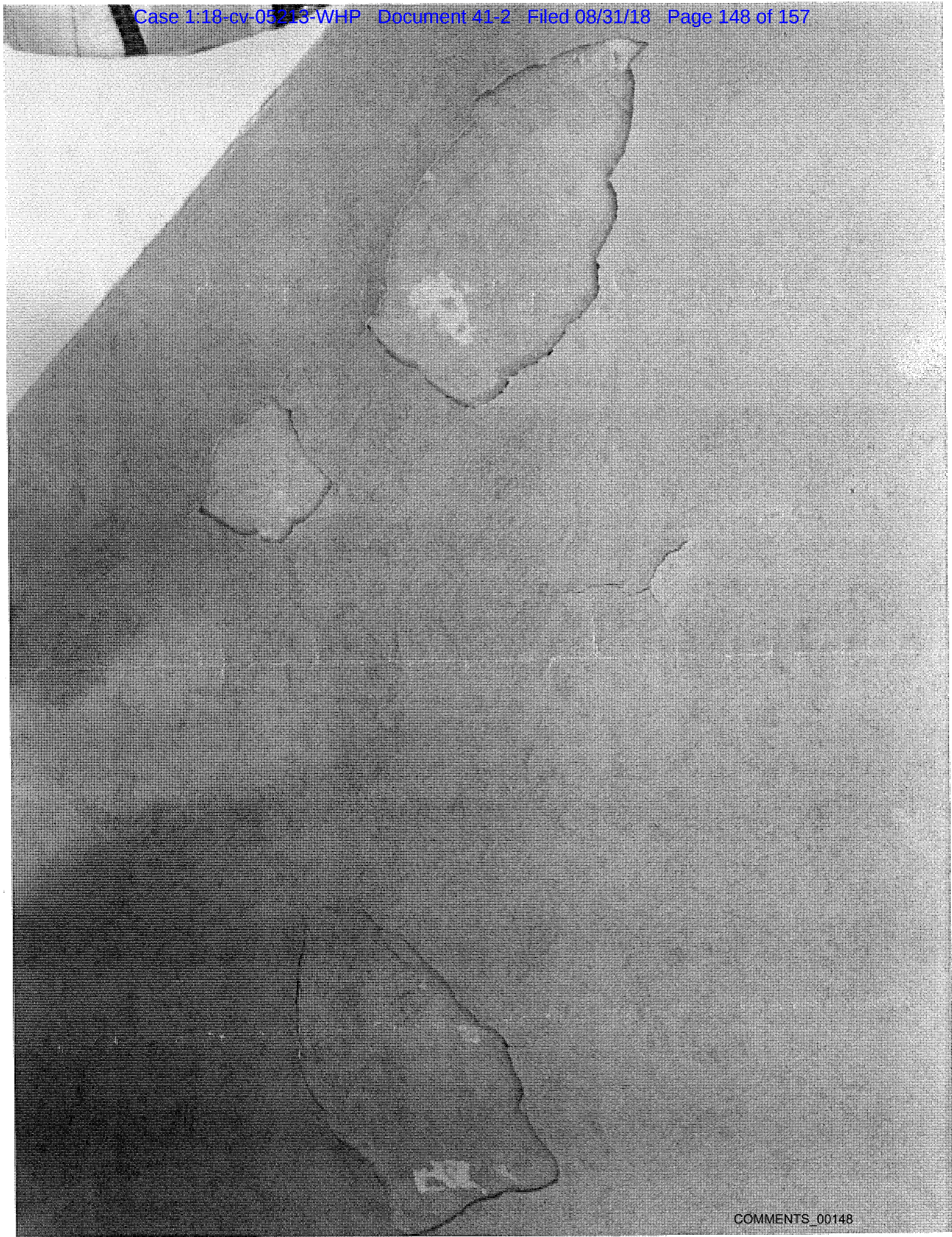
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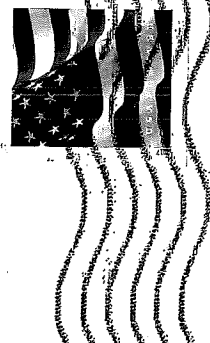


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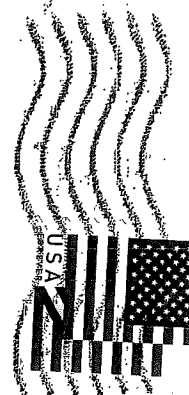
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To whom it may concern,  
 I Diamond C Bee (Head of household),  
 would like to express my comments  
 as well. I have lived @ the  
 address 1385 5<sup>th</sup> ave # 9G  
 New York, NY 10029 for a little  
 over a year now and have had  
 a total of 6 floods throughout  
 my apartment. Due to these  
 floods my walls are now  
 filled with water, have  
 cracks and sheet rocks showing  
 causing a roach infestation  
 and exposure to possible lead.  
 I have 3 small children  
 in the home. Also preparing  
 to start my in home child  
 care. I've have complained  
 several times and no actions has  
 been taken. Most of my personal  
 things has also been destroyed.  
 I would like to make a public comment.

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Against

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NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

PLAINTIFF,

Against

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NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendant.

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Dear: United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, attn.: Robert Yalen, esq., NYCHA Settlement.

SORRY FOR THE late response because I receive the propose settlement letter late.

My name is Lakihya Bell, and I live in New York City housing Authority located at 1785 Story Ave APT# 11F Bronx, N.Y 10473 and I'm part of the settle agreement.

Thank you Respectfully Submitted.

Lakihya Bell 8/28/18

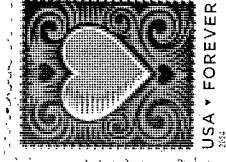
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Jennifer Benjamin  
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To Whom it may Concern, I wish to  
State that I agree with the lawsuit  
by the federal government against NYCHF  
I have seen these conditions and  
I do think it is a good idea to  
have the Community Advisory Committee  
to oversee NYCHA to make sure  
that all repairs and maintenance  
are done quickly and safely.

Yours Respectfully  
Jennifer Benjamin

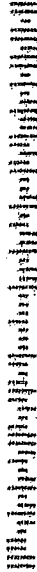




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August 17th, 2018

To: United States Attorney's Office,

I, Laura Bennett, am writing on behalf of the proposed settlements; U.S. Settlement and Baez Settlement. I am a tenant at Hammel NYCHA Houses, specifically: 82-03 Hammels Boulevard Apt. 6G Far Rockaway, NY 11693.

The first issues I would like to address are in reference to the U.S. proposed Settlement. There has not been a tenant in one of the apartments next to mine. That apartment has had pest infestations (mice). On one occasion I had to call housing because there was a strong acrid smell emanating from the apartment and they found that a window was open and birds were coming into the apartment leaving droppings. There was also asbestos found in that apartment. In addition, there have been issues with the elevator service. Once, the elevator stopped in between floors and I ended up stuck on the elevator for a long period of time. I am a woman in my mid-fifties, who over the years have developed arthritis, and walking up and down six flights of stairs when there is no elevator service is quite an inconvenience, especially when I have to do laundry or grocery shopping. Lastly on the U.S. proposed settlement, I would like to address the lack of heat. Sometimes the heat goes off and there is only cold water and during the dead of winter. This should not be happening, let alone so frequently. These complaints are in reference to the U.S. proposed Settlement.

In reference to the Baez Settlement, I was told that there were traces of mold in my apartment recently. This should be addressed soon as this can affect my long-term health.

I appreciate your time for quickly reading through my complaints. I hope that my grievances are taken seriously and a solution to amend these unfair living conditions is in my near future.

Thank you,

Laura Bennett

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